

Rotary O-Pinion

IMAGINE ROTARY

Meeting each Monday 12:00 p.m. – Owatonna Country Club

Four-Way Test 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
3) Will it build good will and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROTARY IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PROGRAMS

- July 11: Kathy Huisman, Center for Family Unity
- July 18: Installation of new officers
- July 25: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Kris Busse and Dom Korbal
- August 1: Kim Schaunfenbuel and Christy Tryhus: Riverland Community College
- August 8: Scott Kozelka, Preview of Steele County Free Fair
- August 15: School Construction Update: Jeff Elstad and Bob Olson
- August 22: Jason Bergman: Operation Bootstrap, Africa
- August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
- September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
- September 12: Patrick Longono IMPACT
- September 19: Jeff Mundale, Owatonna Police Chief
- September 26: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Former ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, retired Police Chief, and Harold Storm, , new member.
- October 3: Meet the Candidates
- October 10: Meet the Candidates
- October 17: Meet the Candidates
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative

ROTARY NOTES

Monday, August 22, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Jason Bergman. His topic: “Operation Bootstrap Africa”

BIRTHDAYS: Randy Rickman, Aug. 25

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Jennifer Jones: “During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960’s when President Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would go to the moon and do other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard. Fully committing ROTARY in meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.”

AROUND TOWN

The fair is over. Fair board members will meet tonight to assess this year’s fair and make suggestions for next year. Fair dates for next year are August 15-20 with the theme, “Satisfaction Guaranteed in 2023.”

Kellen Hinrichsen, executive director of the Steele County History Center, has departed from the History Center as of August 16. Hinrichsen has been a speaker at our meetings. He said, “It has been a pleasure to serve the community over the past two years to help build and progress the SCHS. I am very proud of what I have had the opportunity to do during my time here.”

Darryl Hill, who has coordinated the Christmas Bird Count in Steele County since its inception 50 years ago will step down from those responsibilities this year. He is hoping that there will be someone who would be willing to take over his duties or be a member of a committee to assume the duties. If you are interested, contact Darryl at 451-5073.

BITS ‘N PIECES

ROTARY SOCIAL: An informal social for our club members will be held the fourth Thursday of each month beginning this Thursday, Aug. 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Foremost Brewery. Come and enjoy socialization with fellow ROTARIANS. Food and drink will be available.

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn’t have signed up to begin with.

What was one thing the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers would never do? Ans: Kill someone. They would always shoot the gun out of the bad guy’s hand. There was no blood and violence...folks just wondering who the masked man was. (The first was Clayton Moore who played the Lone Ranger on radio and later on TV)

A unique project: The ROTARY Club of Duvall, Washington, celebrated this last Valentine’s Day by hanging 133 double-sided hearts from light poles along a mile-long stretch of Main Street. Bearing messages sponsored by residents and businesses at a cost of \$50 each, the signs raised about \$13,500 for food pantries and other organizations serving youth, seniors and the needy in the community.

So anyway: An elderly man, thinking his wife was losing her hearing went about 20 feet behind her and asked, “Can you hear me sweetheart?” No Reply. He moved to 10 feet and inquired again. No reply. Five feet, and not a word. A few inches behind her ear he asked, “Can you hear me now, honey?” His wife said, “For the 4th time...yes.”

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!