

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

- November 7: Steele County United Way, Tom Worhach
- November 14: Vern White Award luncheon (meeting starts at 11:30)
- November 21: Lisa Johnson, Supervisor, Customer Services: Post Office
- November 28: Club celebration/100 years plus Foundation windup
- December 5: Kory Kath, OHS Principal: "Preparing for the Move"
- December 12: Scott Golberg, County Coordinator
- December 19: Alan Anderson; What's Ahead in Climate Change?
- December 26: No meeting
- January 2: No meeting
- January 9: Report from Camp Enterprise students
- January 16: Julie Summy: Homeless Teens
- January 23: Roger Wareheim, Manager, Public Utilities
- January 30: Club Business
- February 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce
- February 13: Open
- February 20: Steve Wencil, Blooming Prairie stills
- February 27: Club Business

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, December 12, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Fellow ROTARIAN Scott Golberg, Executive Director in Steele County, will speak of issues that the County is dealing with.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR DECEMBER: Lauren Waypa, David Smith, Olivia Vieths, Lileigh Nguyen, Josaphine Nguyen

EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

TODAY THE OHS CHRISTMAS CAROLERS WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH MUSIC OF THE SEASON AT 12 NOON. THEY MUST SING AT NOON SO THEY CAN RETURN TO CLASSES.

Use ROTARY'S free club locator and find a meeting wherever you go: www.rotary.org/club locator.

ROTARY AROUND THE COUNTRY: The ROTARY Club of Conway-Morning Arkansas, is aiming to deliver birthday messages to every child and young adult in the state's foster care system. Between January and September, more than 2,100 cards have been mailed, with an anticipated 3,700 individuals to be reached annually. "These children already face great uncertainty and disappointments in their lives and I strongly believe that to consistently remember them on their special day would give them hope to go on, and to show that others around them genuinely care for them.," says Mike Altland, a club member who started the campaign. A dozen or so ROTARIAN volunteers coordinate writing and forwarding cards to foster homes with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services and The Call, a statewide non-profit that works with churches to match children with families.

From Italy, the country of our Exchange Student Silvia: Up to 169 million tons of unused food wasted in the European Union every year, and only about 40% of Italians take home their uneaten restaurant food. Working with the office of agriculture and food in the Piedmont region, the ROTARY Club of Acqui Terme launched a project in April to encourage people to take home their leftovers. It offered recyclable and compostable boxes and wine bags to restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and farmhouses. ROTARIANS enlist members of the hospitality industry to reduce food waste and develop awareness of the value of quality foods produced by local farmers.

Did you know? Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest in the Rocky Mountains worth over one million dollars. It still has not been found.

Did you know? The world's largest grand piano as built by a 15-year old in New Zealand. The piano is a little over 18 feet long and has 85 keys, three short of the standard 88.

So Anyway: A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave. The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?". The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For who do you mourn so deeply?" The mourner took a moment to collect himself and replied, "My wife's first husband."