

Rotary O-Pinion

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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

October 25: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong Lois Nelson
November 1: Clare Lillis, Human Trafficking Co-Chair
November 8: Vern White Award
November 15; Rotary Foundation
November 22: Scott Pierce, advisor, DECA at OHS.
November 29: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson, Dick Slieter
December 6: The Moving of Jerry's Mural: Kellen Henrichson, Director, History Center/OHS Carolers at noon
December 13: Robert Sikel: Open Arms Suicide Prevention
December 20: Christmas musical: Dave Williams/Kim Cosens
December 27: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong!
January 3: Ed Hoffman, Fire Chief
January 10: Open
January 17: Open
January 24: ROTARY: 100 years strong!

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Monday, January 13, 2021

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THIS WEEK: Robert Sikel: Open Arms Suicide Prevention

BIRTHDAYS: None

DECEMBER STUDENTS: Addison Andrix, Jack Helget, Preston Meier and Alex Humoeller

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

This Saturday, ROTARIANS will ring the Salvation Army Kettle Bell. If you can take a couple of hours to volunteer, let ROTARIAN Dick Slieter know.

Christmas at the White House

Every president since Calvin Coolidge in 1923 has flipped the switch at the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The lighting took place this year on December 2. The tree is surrounded by the Pathway of Peace, a public walkway that includes 56 state and territory trees adorned with student designed ornaments.

By The Chimney with Care:

“There’s always an orange in our stockings”, says current first lady Jill Biden. “My grandmom always stuck one in the toe, I think because she lived through the depression. They didn’t have a lot so an orange was truly a coveted piece of fruit.

WHERE ARE THEY?

If you know someone that is listed as a member of the club but hasn’t come to a meeting in some time, contact them and tell them we miss them at our meetings.

FROM R.I. PRESIDENT Shekhar Mehta:

“As ROTARIANS, we believe that good health and wellbeing is a human right...even though 400 million people across the globe do not have access to essential health services. The work we do in establishing clinics, eye hospitals and blood banks, as well as building infrastructure for medical facilities in under-served communities, all returns to a central belief that access, prevention, and education are the keys to stopping deadly outbreaks that harm the most vulnerable.”

The Music of Christmas

Note that next week we will enjoy music of the season compliments of ROTARIANS Kim Cosens and Dave Williams.

Downtown Lights

Have you seen the sparkling lights in Central Park? You owe it to yourself to enjoy them after dark. There have been some snowflakes added this year. All of the lights have been purchased from donations received by the Chamber of Commerce.

Havana Lights

Come to Havana, east of Owatonna, to view the drive-thru Christmas display. It’s free and open to the public, however, a free will donation of money, cat or dog food, or kitty litter, would be appreciated and will go towards the efforts of “Helping Paws of Southern Mn. Best to take Havana Road to the site.

My wife and I went back to the hotel where we spent our wedding night, only this time I stayed in the bathroom and cried!