

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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. 9: Rotary Foundation: Roger Warehime

November. 16: Mark Blando: Director of Public Library

November. 23: Kellen Hinrichsen, new Exec. Dir of History Center

November 30: Lonna Lysne: COVID complications traveling to India, Bhutan & Nepal

December 7: Amber Backus, Minn. Auto Dealers Assn.

December 14: Rick Olson, Prior Lake Rotary: “Improving Lives in Nakivale”

December 21: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

December 28: Ed Marek, District Gov. (by Zoom)

January 4: Holly Jorgenson: Let’s Smile Executive Director

January 11: David Ulrich: 21st Century Mining

January 18: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Mayo Clinic

January 25: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

Feb. 1: Open

Feb. 8: Open

Feb. 15: Open

Feb. 22: Open

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Monday, December 14, 2020

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Rick Olson of Prior Lake ROTARY Club speaking on Improving Lives in Nakivale. Rick is retired from a career in law, finance, agricultural business management, education administration and politics. He has led ROTARY tours through Eastern Europe in 2019. Rick will address the success and challenges of Best Future School in Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda. The global grant proposed by the Prior Lake Rotary Club to improve education, install 10 latrines to improve sanitation and provide safe, fresh, purified water to thousand in Nakivale.

BIRTHDAYS: Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8, Mike Noble, Dec. 14

STUDENT ROTARIANS: John Pfeifer, Kaden Nelson, Lauryn Bateman and Zachary Kubicek

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT: ROTARY'S NEW OFFICIAL CAUSE. The new cause focuses on comprehensively solving specific issues that have a detrimental effect on the environment. As people of action, let's take on projects that can make a positive, measurable, and sustainable impact on the one place we all call home.

WHAT ROTARIANS SHOULD KNOW

Here's the skinny on hand sanitizer. When a good scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds just isn't possible, using a sanitizer to clean your hands is the next best option. To get the most out of your sanitizer, apply enough to cover your hands front and back and between your fingers, and allow to dry completely before wiping your hands on a towel or your clothes. The FDA monitors and tests hand sanitizers, and some have been found to contain ineffective and even dangerous ingredients, such as methanol or 1-propanol.

The Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers are not on the move this season and will not be visiting our club, as they have done in years past. If you want to enjoy the Carolers, they are available on Owatonna Live.Com or on the local channels of both Charter and Jaguar from time to time.

Paranoia has reached unbelievable stages. I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan of its own!

You really don't know how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up!

"Wherever I May Roam" by Metallica. The lyric goes, "Anywhere I roam, where I lay my head is home," and that is how ROTARY makes me feel.

So anyway: A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a car when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So, how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and YOU make \$1.7 million when you and I are basically doing the same work?" The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

And finally, My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about three seconds. I bought her a bathroom scale. That's when the fight started!