

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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 4: Presentation of Vern White Award to Les Abraham

November 11: Owatonna AA...Sylvia

November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Wareheim/Camp Enterprise Students

November 25: Shane Sattler: An adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students

December 2: OHS Robotics Team

December 9: Reyk, (Exchange Student from Germany) and an update on We All Play fundraiser

December 16: Club Assembly

December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie, Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 30: NO MEETING

January 6: Stevie Ray, Stevie Ray's Improv: "Building and Maintaining Relationships with Your Clients"

January 13: Pat Heydon, Advanced Care Coordinator, Allina: "Advanced Care Planning.

January 20: Chamber of Commerce Annual Report: Brad Meier

January 27: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachael's Light

February 3: No meeting due to construction in OCC kitchen

February 10: Carol Nelson "The Man and his Inventions":

February 17: Tim Penny: "Divided We Stand?"

February 24: Open

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Monday, December 2, 2019

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THIS WEEK: Members of the OHS Robotics team will be on hand to demonstrate their project.

BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Lindgren and Roger Wareheim, Dec. 3, Diane Holland, Dec. 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our December students, Liv Larson, Erin Holzerland, Leo Gantert, and Isiah Noeldner

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Reyk from Germany

ROTARY NOTES

From Mark Maloney, R.I. President: "I am looking forward to joining ROTARIANS from all over the country in Hawaii for the annual R.I. convention, June 6-10. Fabulous events are planned. Inside and outside the convention halls, we are going to hold the most family-friendly convention in ROTARY history, including a family-centered opening ceremony and family-focused events in the House of Friendship. Our 2020 convention will also be a time to celebrate ROTARY'S historical ties to the United Nations. June, 2020, will mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. On the day before the start of the convention, ROTARY and the UN will host our fifth joint event of 2019-20, one focused on environmental sustainability. ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD in no better way than at the R.I. Convention. See you in Honolulu!"

This Thursday is a big day of holiday activities in Owatonna. First, the Canadian Pacific Railroad Holiday Train stops in Owatonna at 3:00 p.m. The train will stop at the Park Drive crossing next to the Owatonna Bus Co. Musical performers from our community will be featured at 3:00 followed by train performers at 3:40. VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PARK DRIVE FROM OLD HIGHWAY 14. PARKING IS OFFERED AT LOWE'S AND WALMART WITH BUS SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE ENTERTAINMENT SITE TO AND FROM. A collection of non-perishable food will be taken to benefit the Steele County Food Shelf.

At 6:00 p.m. the spectacular Holiday Lighted parade takes place on Cedar Avenue followed by carols in Central Park by the OHS Christmas Carolers. First Baptist Church invites ROTARIANS to a free Chili supper from 5:00-7:00 p.m. At 7:00, the newly formed Owatonna Chorale will present a holiday concert at First Baptist Church.

Time to march off all that turkey and those mashed potatoes! This Friday after Thanksgiving, Minnesota's 75 state parks and recreation areas (including Rice Lake State Park) will be open free of charge as a way to encourage people to get outside and move. The average American consumes around 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving. A brisk walk can burn about 300 calories in one hour.

Table volunteers needed for upcoming Ethics Workshop on Dec. 17: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Let Dave Allard know.

Some Thanksgiving Trivia

*The average person in the United States will eat 15 pounds of turkey this year.

*Thanksgiving weather folklore:

*Turkeys perched on trees and refusing to descend indicates snow.

*Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come

*If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, there will be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck.

Finally: Christmas card season is upon us. Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a photo of your family with an extra child nobody knows!