

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

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Monday, December 6, 2021

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THIS WEEK: Have you any idea what it took to move the mural from Jerry's Supper Club to the History Center? History Center Director Kellen Henrichsen will be our guest speaker to tell us about the entire project plus other news about the History Center.

BIRTHDAYS: Diane Holland, Dec. 6, Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Addison Andrix, Jack Helget, Preston Meier and Alex Huemoeller

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A message from RI President Shekhar Mehta:

"December is Disease Prevention and Treatment month in the ROTARY calendar. The pandemic unfortunately has schooled most people on the toll that disease takes on our communities. But fighting disease is something that ROTARIANS around the world have been doing for decades. In fact, it is one of ROTARY'S seven areas of focus."

ROTARIAN Dick Slieter has arranged to have members of our club ring the Salvation Army bell at buckets located around town. The date is December 18. If you can spend a couple of hours ringing the bell at a kettle located around town it will be appreciated. Contact Dick at 218-820-7587.

A puzzle: What do these words have in common? Flower, nascent, please, plumber, present, slaughter? Well, here is the answer: First, removing the first letter of each word leaves a new word. second (and more subtle), the remaining letters change pronunciation in various ways. Example: The "b" in "plumber" is silent. But the "b" in "lumber" is pronounced. By contrast, consider the word "frightful". Removing the first letter leaves "rightful", which is pronounced exactly like "frightful" with the letter "f".

Holidays at the White House: For years, the Eisenhower administration held the record for the most trees in the White House with 26, but the Trump's 2018 "American Treasures" theme included 41 trees and more than 40 topiaries, holds the current number 1 spot.

Jacqueline Kennedy began the tradition of picking themes for the Blue Room with her 1961 Nutcracker Tree. Barbara Bush honored family literacy with miniature book ornaments and 80 soft-sculpture characters from literature including Babar. Michelle Obama's 2010 theme of "Simple Gifts" featured a tree decked in prize ribbons from state and county fairs around the country. You can see this year's decorations December 12 on HGTV'S annual Christmas special.

Did you know? Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on TV

The two tiny holes drilled in every BIC pen is to ensure that the air pressure is the same both inside and outside the pen, which helps the ink flow to the tip

NOTE THAT IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE OHS CHRISTMAS CAROLERS NEXT MONDAY, BE HERE AT NOON. THIS IS THEIR ANNUAL VISIT TO ROTARY.

So anyway: A single glass of a new wine could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep for those of a "certain age" who find that, as they've gotten older, they have to get up multiple times during the night to empty their bladders. An Australian Winery has developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips "older people" have to make to the bathroom each night. It is being marketed as PINO MORE!

