

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

February 4: Al Zdrzil: “Fight Against Human Trafficking

February 11: School District Foundation

February 18: Plans for a new high school

February 25: Abby Donahe, “Unlimited Abilities”

March 4: Nancy Williams, Trina Kasperson: Homeless students in Owatonna Public Schools

March 11: Ed Marek: District Fast for Hope

March 18: The story of Revel Greens: Jay Johnson

March 25: Mark Coyle, U. of M. Athletic Director

April 1: Randy Doyle, CEO, Alcorn

April 8: Update on We All Play

April 15: Mac Hamilton, Developer

April 22: Open

April 29: Chuck Driessen “History: Culligan Intl and Culligan Ultrapure

May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates

May 13: National Honor Society Students

May 20: Open

May 27: Memorial Day, no meeting

June 3: Farewell from Iringo

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Monday, Feb. 11, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Bruce Paulson, Chairman of the Owatonna Public School District Foundation

BIRTHDAYS: Callan Paffrath, Feb. 13

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Lily Redman, Lauren Arthur, Molly Hawkins, Dominic Yerhot, Jordan Whalen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A NOTE FROM RI PRESIDENT BARRY RASSIN: “Service is only a part of what a strong ROTARY Club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in meetings and events. If our club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier. People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Our club will be vibrant, relevant and alive, and it will *Be The Inspiration* to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.”

Two Owatonna teachers, Lori Peglow and Mary Schroepfer, have been nominated for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Peglow is a language teacher at OHS and Schroepfer is a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary.

A public tour of the current Owatonna High School will be held this next Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Tours begin every half hour by the auditorium doors.

The 35-day federal government shutdown cost the U.S. economy \$11 billion, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. With federal workers returning to their jobs, much of that damage will be reversed, but an estimated \$3 billion of economic activity is permanently lost.

A high-priced flight: The cost of a one-way flight from Mumbai to New York via Abu Dhabi in a suite with a living room and a private shower is \$38,000. For the rest of us, there's premium economy. Fees for seat selection have made that class surge with bookings in North America rising 78% from 2015 to 2017.

HOW CAN 100 PEOPLE BE WORKING AT WAL-MART BUT ONLY THREE REGISTERS ARE OPEN?

Here's a secret known to everyone in the super market business and hardly anyone outside it: The “sell by” date on eggs and other items in the store won't tell you how old the item is or when it will go bad. But there's another date that will. Look at the number on your egg carton. It corresponds to the date on the calendar when the item was packed. The number one, for example, means January 1st. The number 365 means December 31st. Add another 30 days to be safe, because eggs can be laid up to a month before they are packed.

So anyway: An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, “Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would highly recommend it.” The other man said, “What is the name of the restaurant?” The first man thought and thought and finally said, “What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns?” “Do you mean a rose?” “Yes, that's the one,” replied the first man. He then turned toward the kitchen and yelled, “Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?”

From Rodney Dangerfield: “A girl phoned me and said, “Come on over, there's nobody home. I went over and nobody was home!”