



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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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January 8: Tim Penny: The political climate in Washington

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Club meeting: Youth program

January 29: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

February 5: Tim Truelson, Owatonna Park and Rec...”We All Play”

February 12: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse: State of the City

February 19: Bob Randall: “Modern Workforce”

February 26: Pastor Todd Buegler

March 5: Sue Schroeder, Public Schools Social Worker

March 12: Ali Diley, Director of Nutrition, Public Schools

March 19: Owatonna Police Department

March 26: Sonja Harris: Owatonna Brain Training Center

April 2: Dave Vandergon, CEO, KODA

April 9: Youth Exchange Committee...”Exchange isn’t a Year in Our Life, It’s a Life in a Year”

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

May 7: Open

May 14: OHS National Honor Society

May 21: Nado Farewell

May 28: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 4: Open

June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival

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Monday, February 12, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our annual "State of the City" presentation by ROTARIANS Mayor Tom Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse.

BIRTHDAYS: Don Reynolds, Feb. 11, Callan Paffrath, Feb. 13, Kelly Boomgarden and Charlie Herrman, Feb. 17.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Jade Huseby, Grace Pick, Rilee Schmidt, Braedon Meier

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Nado from Indonesia

ROTARY NOTES

A message from Ian H.S. Riseley, R.I President: "Today, as in 1905, many of us come to our ROTARY meeting seeking what Paul Harris sought: friendship, connections, a place to feel at home. But today, ROTARY gives us so much more than it could have ever given its earliest members in those earliest days. The ROTARY of today, more than 1.2 million members strong, lets us feel at home not only in a small group of our peers, but also in our diverse clubs, across our communities and indeed throughout the world. Today, ROTARY connects us all in a way that Paul Harris could never have dreamed on that February evening so long ago. Not only can we go anywhere in the world there is a ROTARY club and feel at home, but we can reach out to anywhere in the world there is a ROTARY club and make a difference."

Did you know? Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories an hour.

What is Pteronophobia? It's the fear of being tickled by feathers.

When Hippos are upset, their sweat turns to red.

The Hippo fact reminds me of the year that Judge Charles Cashman was persuaded to ride a Hippo in front of the grandstand prior to a wild animal show. The judge showed up in a clean white pair of coveralls. He made it on top of the animal and rode it to the audience delight. When he got off, his white pair of coveralls was turned to a deep red.

A musician said it: "The best sound I've ever heard from a banjo was the sound it made when an accordion landed on it in a dumpster."

How did the name "ROTARY" come about? The initial business club was named "ROTARY" because members met in rotation in their various places of business. On February 23, 1905, the club's first meeting took place and the nucleus was formed for thousands of ROTARY clubs which were organized throughout the world.

A man is walking home late one foggy night when behind him he hears" BUMP, BUMP, BUMP. Walking faster he looks back and through the fog he makes out the image of an upright casket banging its way down the middle of the street toward him. BUMP, BUMP, BUMP! Terrified the man begins to run toward his home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him. Faster, faster...BUMP, BUMP, BUMP. He runs to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in, slams the door and locks it. However, the casket crashes through his door with the lid of the casket clapping...CLAPPITY BUMP, CLAPPITY BUMP, CLAPPITY BUMP on his heels as the terrified man runs. Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, he locks himself in. His heart is pounding, his head reeling, his breath in sobbing gasps. With a loud CRASH, the casket breaks down the door. The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup. Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket (hopefully you're ready for this!!) and the coffin stops.