

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

- February 7: No Meeting...OCC Cleaning.
- February 14: Keith Hiller, Chief of Police
- February 21: Brad Meier, President, Chamber of Commerce
- February 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Pastor Dave, Angela Gonzales, Randy Rickman, People’s Press
- March 7: Scott Limberg: The Growth of Owatonna Live
- March 14: Owatonna Update: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna
- March 21: Julie Bleckeberg Fiske, Exec. Dir. of Growing Hope
- March 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!: Lois Nelson
- April 4: No Meeting in lieu of Celebration of 100 years banquet
- April 11: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff
- April 18: Anne Peterson, Manager, Minn. State Orphanage Museum
- April 25: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 2: Kathey Huisman, Exchange Club Center for Child Abuse
- May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition
- May 16: National Honor Society Recognition
- May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 30: No meeting...Memorial Day

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Monday, February 14, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Owatonna Policed Chief Keith Hiller will update us on the Owatonna Police Department. Hiller has just announced that he will be retiring as Chief of Police this June.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Olson, Feb. 11, Charlie Herrmann, Feb 17, Leshia Cummins and Cory Michaelson, Feb. 20
FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Annika Wiese, Bailey Manderfeld, Ashley Schlauderaff, and Suzy Walker

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From ROTARIANB Dick Slieter: "As ROTARIANS, we know the importance of funds that come back to clubs and the district in the form of District Grants, as we experienced during our Miracle Field project. The source of all these grant funds is the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S Annual Fund, and all ROTARIANS are encouraged to make annual contributions to TRF's Annual Fund. This year's District goal is to raise \$500,000, similar to last year's goal. The District is offering another incentive this year, a special 'Share the Love' initiative during February and honoring Valentine's Day, including four levels of giving:

1. If you give \$10 or more to the Annual Fund-SHARE program, you will receive a 2:1 match with Foundation points.
2. If you give \$365 or more, you will receive enough points to earn your next level of PHF.
3. If you give \$500 or more, you will receive recognition on District website, \$50 merchandise credit and you can 'Share' a PHF with two people of your choosing.

Please join me in making a contribution to TRF's Annual Fund-SHARE."

Did you know? A comet's tail always points away from the sun

Did you know? When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

NEW MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITIES BRING FRESH PERSPECTIVES AND IDEAS TO OUR CLUBS AND EXPAND ROTARY'S PRESENCE. INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS TO EXPERIENCE ROTARY.

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOLS

The existing OHS Citizens' Task Force was commissioned by the school board to review information gathered from community members to help advise on the best way to make use of the existing site and facility following the move to the new campus in fall of 2023. The task force has proposed two recommendations:

1. Consolidate the appropriate district functions from the current District Office and Rose Street facilities to the existing high school site.
2. Continue to seek partners to redevelop other portions in a way that would benefit the community.

The School Board is scheduled to hear the task force recommendation in March and will make the final decision on how to proceed. Planning will likely commence this summer, with public bidding and contracting in time to start construction in the summer of 2023.

So anyway: Could you eat a Big Mac every day for over 40 years? A Wisconsin man already holds the Guinness World Record for eating the most Big Macs when he scarfed down his 30,000th signature McDonald's burger. Donb Gorske, 64, has eaten at least one Big Mac Daily since May of 1972 and insists his health hasn't suffered because of his fast-food diet.

Finally: I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for next Tuesday.