

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

January 27: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachel's Light
February 3: No meeting due to construction in OCC kitchen
February 10: Bill Regan and Katie Kreuter: Owatonna Bus Co
February 17: Tim Penny: "Divided We Stand?"
February 24: Police officer Casey Martin and his dog Vegas
March 2: Al Smith, "Women of War"
March 9: Joe Stiles, Furnishing Hope
March 16: State of the City: Mayor Tom Kuntz and Kris Busse
March 23: Owatonna Police Department
March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford
April 6: Kyle Skov, City Engineer
April 13: Dr. Richard Huston, PolioPlus trip to Pakistan
April 20: STRIVE graduation
April 27: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Clinic Health System
May 4: Camp RYLA Students
May 11: Hosting OHS National Honor Society: Speaker: Joyce Madsen
May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

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Monday, February 24, 2020

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Owatonna Police Officer Casey Martin and his trained police dog, Vegas.

BIRTHDAYS: Dr. John Muellerleile, Feb. 25.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Kaia Elstad, Alexander Vereide, Ruth Livingston and Sara Anderson

IN-BOUND STUDENT ROTARIAN: Reyk, Germany

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Kim Schaufenbuel has announced that she will be leaving her position as President of the Steele County United Way come April. She started her career at the United Way in October 2013, first as the association director responsible for the organization's grant portfolio allocations, now called community investments. She became executive director in 2015 with the position changed to president in 2019 by the organization's board of directors. In April, Kim will be taking a position at Federated in Owatonna as an instructional designer. Kim has led the United Way in Steele County to new heights and ROTARIANS wish her well in her new endeavor.

From RI President Mark Maloney: "In every area of focus, and in every part of the world, ROTARY projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in a time of rapid change. As we celebrate another great year for ROTARY, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening the connections that make our service so impactful. We will make lives BETTER as *ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD.*"

A BIT OF OWATONNA MILITARY HISTORY

Tomorrow marks the date that Owatonna said goodbye to its mobilized units of the Red Bull Division. A throng of nearly 2,000 milled about the special train stopped at Union Station on Front Street to watch the soldiers depart. It was a sharp cold night when the troops left Owatonna. The Elks band played lively marches and patriotic songs. Members of the American Legion Post and the Elks Lodge led the farewell parade from the armory downtown to the station. Joe Racek, a platoon Sergeant, said, "We marched them over to the train. Families were crying, the boys were crying. I was continually hollering out orders and guys were crawling out windows of the train to get that last kiss from their girl friends or family. It was pure chaos!"

Deetz to undergo surgery

ROTARIAN Jerry Deetz will undergo spine surgery in Rochester in the next couple of weeks. He is still being treated for paralysis in his legs.

Burgers and fries come back to school

The Trump administration announced recently that it would roll back former first lady Michelle Obama's signature initiative: school lunch nutritional standards. The reversal affects nearly 30 million students at 99,000 schools. Federal rules will now let schools serve half a cup of fruit and vegetables for breakfast instead of a full cup, replacing the calories with pastries and granola bars. At lunch, schools can now serve pizza and burgers as a la carte items and satisfy the daily vegetable requirement with French fries...a change requested by the potato lobby. Last year the USDA reported that schools had improved the nutritional value of cafeteria food after cutting back on sodium, starch, and trans fats.

So anyway. Here's a woman's poem: He didn't like the casserole and he didn't like my cake. He said my biscuits were too hard, not like his mother used to make. I didn't make the coffee right, he didn't like my stew, I didn't fold his pants like his mother used to do. I pondered for an answer, I was looking for a clue. Then I turned around and smacked him aside the head like his mother used to do!