

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: Owatonna Business Women

April 23: Mark Blando, Director, Public Library

April 30: Open

May 7: Camp RYLA attendees

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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Editor: Todd Hale

Monday, February 26, 2018

THIS WEEK: Fellow ROTARIAN Pastor Todd Buegler head Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church will be our speaker. He will relate how he located in Owatonna. He will also pass along his thoughts on church attendance in this present day, how the church relates to young people and other subjects.

BIRTHDAYS: John Muellerleile, Feb.25, Ryan Gillespie, March 2.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Jade Huseby, Grace Pick, Rilee Schmidt and Braeden Meier

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Nado, Indonesia

MARCH GREETERS: Traci Schimek, Loren Olson

MARCH INVOCATION: Barry Gillespie

ACTS OF KINDNESS: From a letter to the ROTARIAN editor from a New York ROTARIAN: "My son died three years ago but one encounter stands out. In my attempt to bury my grief under constant motion and dogged efficiency, I called to see if I could return his most recent order of contact lenses. The customer service rep at the company was beyond kind, offering not only condolences but an unexpected ear and warm heart. The biggest surprise came a week later when a box arrived from the company containing a small sculpture of a boy and his mom along with a gentle and heartfelt note of sympathy. It is an example of caring turned into action, which I find so fulfilling in my ROTARY Club. ROTARY'S opportunity to serve and to be an agent of kindness toward others helped bring me back to who I am."

Climate Change Forum

ROTARIAN Dr. Beth invites ROTARIANS to a public forum on "The Science of Climate Change" tomorrow night at 7:00 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church featuring speakers Alan Anderson (who has spoken to our club) and Kelli Lewis of the Citizens Climate Lobby of Minnesota, a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change.

REFLECTIONS:

- *My goal for 2017 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
- *A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- *A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money. I woke up and searched with him.

Remember?

- *Blackjack chewing gum
- *Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
- *TV test patterns
- *Candy cigarettes
- *Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
- *Newsreels before the movie

So anyway: Stevie Wonder meets Tiger Woods and mentions that he too is a golfer. "When I tee off," the blind musician explains, "I have a guy call to me from the green. My sharp sense of hearing lets me aim." Tiger's skeptical, but when Stevie suggests they play a round for \$100,000, Tiger readily accepts, figuring it's the easiest 100 grand he'll ever make. "So, when do you want to play?" he asks. "Stevie says, "Pick any night."