



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: Open

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

May 7: Camp RYLA students

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 5, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Tim Truelson, Recreation Director at Owatonna Parks and Recreation and Amanda Gislason, project co-chair, will bring us up to date on plans for the “We All Play” playground planned to be built in Owatonna. Our club has pledged \$50,000 for the project.

BIRTHDAYS: Laura Resler, Feb. 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our February students, Jade Huseby, Grace Pick, Rilee Schmidt and Braeden Meier

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Nado, Indonesia

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

One hundred thirteen years ago this month, the four members of ROTARY’S first club held their first meeting. Although no minutes were kept, it’s unlikely anyone talked about service; the club did not begin focusing on the needs of the community for another few years.

The meeting was held not in a hotel or a restaurant, but in a member’s office; there were, so far as is known, no agendas or announcements, no committee reports, speakers or nametags. The meeting would have failed today’s usual standards for a productive ROTARY meeting. It was, or course, the most productive ROTARY meeting ever held.

ROTARIAN Traci Schimek reports that the district has informed us we will be hosting a student from Romania beginning this fall. Not known yet if it is a boy or girl.

Scott Limberg and Greg Schultz have resigned from the club.

Dog ownership means better health: Dog ownership can lead to a longer, healthier life, say Swedish and U.S. researchers who studied more than 3 million dog owning Swedes ages 40-80. They found that dog owners have a lower risk of death due to cardiovascular disease during a 12-year follow-up period than people who don’t own dogs. Among people who live alone, dog owners fared particularly well, with a 33 percent reduction in risk of death and 11 percent decreased risk of myocardial infarction compared to non-owners. Increased physical activity and social contact may partly explain the results, scientists said.

Just what you always wanted to know!

1. Human saliva has a boiling point three times that of regular water.
2. Billy Goats urinate on their own heads to smell more attractive to females.
3. The person who invented the Frisbee was cremated and made into a Frisbee after he died.

ROTARIAN Barry Gillespie is musically talented. He often is vocalist for the Owatonna band “The Fabulous Lovehandles”. Barry was a member of the “Nightcrawlers” rock band in the 60’s. The band performed at Carlton College many times back then. The band recorded on 45 rpm the number “You Say”.

So anyway: A funeral procession pulled into a cemetery. Several carloads of family members followed a black pickup towing a boat with a coffin in it. A passer-by remarked, “That guy must have been a very avid fisherman.”. “Oh, he still is,” replied one of the mourners. As a matter of fact, he’s headed off to the lake as soon as we bury his wife”