

# **IMAGINE ROTARY**

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 9: Report from Camp Enterprise students

January 16: Julie Summy: Homeless Teens

January 23: Roger Wareheim, Manager, Public Utilities

January 30: Club Business: New member Christy Tryhus: Riverland College

February 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

February 13: State of the City: Kris Busse, Mayor Kuntz

February 20: Steve Wencl, Blooming Prairie Stills

February 27: Club Business

March 6: Michele Merxbauer, Exec. Director: South Central Human Relations Center

March 13: Rick Bussler, publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

March 20: Dr. Jason Wray Raabole: Owatonna Clinic update

March 27: Club Business: Annual Mtg. April 3: Liz Andrist: "Let Africa Live"

April 10: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary's

April17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

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April 24: Kaia (Duffus) Liang: 2006 Outbound Student to India, lived in China the last 7 years

# **ROTARY OPINION**

Monday, February 6, 2023 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Brad Meier, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Olson, Feb. 11

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to February students, Allison Wasieleski, Emily Jacobs

Taylor Busho, Kassidy Hart and Kaitlyn Wasieleski

# **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES:** "These are exciting times in ROTARY and the world is taking notice As we work to empower women and girls to step into their full potential, we create new pathways for membership growth and greater collaboration with partners to create positive lasting change. Thank you for your continued action in this vital effort."

# **COLD IS A RELATIVE THING**

65\* outside: Arizonans thru on the heat. Minnesotans plant gardens

60\* outside: Californians shiver uncontrollably, Minnesotans sunbathe

50\* outside: Italian and English cars won't start. Minnesotans drive with the windows down.

40\* outside: Georgians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats. Minnesotans throw on a flannel shirt.

35\* outside: New York landlords finally turn up the heat. Minnesotans have the last cookout before it gets cold.

20\* outside: People in Miami all die. Minnesotans close their windows.

Zero\* outside: Californians fly away to Mexico...Minnesotans get out their winter coats.

# THE FEBRUARY 27 MEETING WILL BE AT TOREY'S. COUNTRY CLUB CLOSED FOR CLEANING.

### **ROTARY DISTRICT 5960 'SHARE THE LOVE'**

No better time than February to kick off the District 'SHARE THE LOVE" campaign promoting the importance of giving to the ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL-SHARE FUND. The SHARE THE LOVE CAMPAIGN rewards giving in the month of February with matching point incentives for Paul Harris Fellow awards. Last year our club's members set a new record for contributions, and it would be wonderful if we did that again. ROTARIAN Dick Slieter will coordinate our effort.

#### WHY 18 HOLES?

Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, not 20, 10 or an even dozen. Here's how it came about: There was a discussion among board members at St. Andrews in 1858. One of the members pointed out that it takes exactly 18 shots to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out! So there you have it!

### **SO ANYWAY**

Two dogs were out for a walk. One dog says to the other, "Wait here a minute...I'll be right back." He walks across the street and sniffs a fire hydrant for about a minute then rejoins his friend. "What was that all about?" the other dog asks. "Just checking my messages".