

Rotary O-Pinion

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 Trihus, Riverland College
- February 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce
- February 13: State of the City: Kris Busse and Mayor Kuntz
- February 20: Steve Wencil, Blooming Prairie Stills
- February 27: Club Business
- March 6: Michele Merxbauer, Exec. Director: South Central Human Relations Center
- March 13: Open
- March 20: Dr. Jason-Wraay-Raabole: Owatonna Clinic Update
- March 27: Club Business
- April 3: Liz Andreas “Let Africa Live
- April 10: Open
- April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, January 16, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Julie Summy, “Homeless Teens”

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaletz, Jan. 20

STUDENT ROTARIANS: McKenna Dufrene, Hailey Kjersten, Samantha Liebl, Ashley Holm

FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “People in ROTARY leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But, what’s more important is for everyone in every club speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow ROTARY members what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.”

A membership application has been received from Kellen Hinrichsen, Donor Development Coordinator, Steele County United Way. Unless there are any objections, the club will move forward with acceptance.

DECEMBER AT OPD

In the month of December, the Owatonna Police Department answered 3,300 calls for service, including 442 traffic stops, 69 alarms, 19 domestic disturbances, 159 animal calls, 13 juvenile calls, 219 medical calls, 4 suspicious activity calls, 19 warrants, 82 ordinance violations and 73 motor vehicle accidents. The police department issued a total of 104 citations and 362 warnings in December. The top five citation types include speeding, expired registration, no insurance, invalid driver’s license and fail to yield/stop.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The “Object of ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster: 1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; 2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each ROTARIAN’S occupation as an opportunity to serve society; 3. The application of the ideal of service in each ROTARIAN’S personal, business and community life; 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the idea of service.

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is also very concerned about my car warranty!