

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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 4: Holly Jorgenson: Let's Smile Executive Director

January 11: David Ulrich: 21st Century Mining

January 18: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Mayo Clinic

January 25: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

Feb. 1: Troy Klecker: City Development Director: "A look at 2021"

Feb. 8: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

Feb. 15: Open

Feb. 22: Lisa Kern, Director, KODA

March. 1: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachel's Light

March 8: Dr. Nuga, President, Riverland College

March 15: Open

March 22: Open

March 29 Open

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Monday, January 18, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Dr. Brian Bunkers of Mayo Health System, Owatonna, with an update.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Jacott, Jan. 18, Gregg Draeger, Andy Michaelitz, Jan. 20, Jim Killen, Jan. 22

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Lindsay Bangs, Matt Seykora, Lane Versteeg, Cora Barrett

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD A LENGTHY DISCUSSION REGARDING WHEN TO GO BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS. IT WAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH ZOOM MEETING UNTIL AT LEAST MID-FEBRUARY. WE WILL THEN LOOK AT THE COVID SITUATION TO MAKE A DECISION ON CHANGING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS.

A change has been made regarding the ROTARY FOUNDATION. Our club has used Paul Harris Trios in the past as a way to incentivize regular giving to the FOUNDATION. The change that is being made is to discontinue trios. Instead, we will utilize the club's built up PHF points to offer a PHF recognition to any individual member after they make any combination of donations that equal \$750.00. The club will add 250 recognition points for that member so that they may achieve the next PHF recognition. The addition of points will be automatic, no need to sign up. We will monitor members' giving levels and automatically add up to 250 points when you reach \$750.00 or more.

This change will help us be more in step with other clubs' practices and will be much easier to manage and communicate. With the turnover of club members in recent years, trios have left some members with partial fulfillment of their fellow trio members' commitment.

JANUARY

We're into the month of January. The month is named for the Roman god, Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past and one into the future.

We've missed seeing some of you at our Zoom meetings including: Steve Fisher, Michael Gandrud, Barry Gillespie, Scott Golberg, Pat Greenwood, Michael Herman, Dan Jacott and Wes Kain.

AROUND TOWN

OWATONNA FOUNDATION REACHES A MILLION IN DONATIONS

The Owatonna Foundation reached an amazing first milestone of reaching a million dollars in donated funds in 2020. Laura Resler, Foundation Executive Director, said, "In January we had an anonymous donation of \$500,000 which gave us a good head start for our 2020 fundraising campaign. That donation, along with the incredible generosity of our community, has helped us to raise \$1,057,763 this past year."

Those of you who regularly attend the annual Andrew Lawrence Memorial Chili Cookoff should know that this year's event has been cancelled, due to the COVID pandemic. The scholarship fund still plans to award five scholarships of \$1500 per student this year.

So Anyway: Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure"

It's scary when you are sleeping and making the same noises as your coffee maker!