

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

January 7: Maddy Lykken: “New Generation Exchange”

January 14: Dani Heine, Chief Diversity Officer, Riverland College

January 21: Owatonna Clinic: “Future of Health Care” Dr. Brian Bunkers

January 28: Mac Hamilton, Developer

February 4: Al Zdrzil: “Fight Against Human Trafficking

February 11: School District Foundation

February 18: Plans for a new high school

February 25: Abby Donahe, “Unlimited Abilities”

March 4: Nancy Williams, Trina Kasperson: Homeless students in Owatonna Public Schools

March 11: Open

March 18: Open

March 25: Mark Coyle, U. of M. Athletic Director

April 1: Open

April 8: Open

April 15: Open

April 22: Open

April 29: Open

May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates

May 15: National Honor Society Students

May 20: Open

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Monday, January 21, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Dr. Brian Bunkers will update us on the Owatonna Mayo Clinic and what to look for in the future of health care.

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaletz, Jan. 20, Glen Meger, Jan 25

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Emma Maher, Victoria Dietz, Dawson Ringhofer, Regan Ihlenfeld and David Keller

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A note from RI President Barry Rassin: "Paul Harris put it this way. 'Each ROTARIAN is the connecting link between the idealism of ROTARY and his/her trade or profession.' It was true when he said it and should be equally true now. We only spend an hour or two a week at our ROTARY meetings, but most of us spend our waking time at work. Through ROTARY, those hours are also an opportunity for service; a chance to *Be the Inspiration* to those we work with and the communities we serve.

Poll Watch:

39% of Americans think President Trump should be impeached in 2019 while 20% want Trump to be formally censured by Congress. 41% say no action should be taken against Trump.

54% of voters do not want a wall on the Mexican border and think it will not improve border security, while 43% are in favor of building a wall. 62% oppose shutting down the federal government over the dispute on wall funding.

For the first time, a majority of Democrats now identify as liberal, at 51%. In 1994, 25% of Democrats identified as liberal, 48% as moderate, and 25% described their views as conservatism.

Since Trump took office, 16% of Americans say they want to permanently move out of the U.S. including 40% of women under 30. On average, 10% said they wanted to leave the country during Obama's presidency and 11% when George Bush was president.

(Above poll watch from "The Week" magazine)

Noted

The average American man has about a half hour more of leisure time a day...about 5 and a half hours...than the average woman according to new government data. Women spend more time on household chores, child care and "personal care" such as putting on make-up.

The 2019 Christmas Bird Count is over and the results are in. This year 3863 individual birds were counted which was well below our average of 4567 birds. However, 49 different species were seen, which was very good compared to other years. This year there were 94 counters with 81 viewing at their homes and 13 driving or walking in the field. The one new species of birds found this year was the Eastern Bluebird.

Church bulletin bloopers

*Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Baptist. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

*Barbara remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

*Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.