

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: Kriss Busse, 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 Wray Raabole: Owatonna Clinic update
March 27: Club Business
April 3: Liz Andrist: “Let Africa Live”
April 10: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary’s
April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, January 23, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Roger Wareheim, Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities

BIRTHDAYS: Glen Meger, Jan. 25, Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28

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

IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia from Italy

ROTARY NOTES

FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other...genuinely show concern for each other...then we will make friends for life and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship. How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every ROTARY member as equally valuable, no matter how long we’ve been a member or what position we hold.”

ROTARIANS are invited to the 17th annual Chili Cookoff this Saturday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Owatonna Armory. The event benefits the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund.

ROTARIAN Lon Thiele was recently sworn in for his fourth term as Sheriff of Steele County. Thiele is the 26th Sheriff to serve in Steele County dating back to the late 1800’s when the first Sheriff was appointed by the Governor. Thiele’s goals for the next four years are to find qualified applicants to serve as deputies and continue to pursue the best in public safety that his office can offer

“It’s difficult to become Sheriff for one term. Making it four terms is a great statement from the residents of Steele County believing in my leadership experience.”

AS A ROTARIAN

As a ROTARIAN I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people’s quality of life in my community and the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Moons can have moons. They are called “moonmoons”.

*The Eiffel Tower was initially considered to be an eyesore. Its usefulness as a radio tower saved it from being dismantled in 1909.

So Anyway: My wife and I were discussing aspects of our future so when it was my turn, I asked her, “What will you do if I die first?” After some thought, she said that she’d probably look for a house-sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be a bit younger than herself. Then she asked me, “What will you do If I die first?” I replied, “Probably the same thing.” Then the fight started.