

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 of Cedar Street project
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: Ed Marek: District Fast for Hope
March 18: The story of Revel Greens: Jay Johnson
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 28, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to J.M. "Mac" Hamilton, developer, who will give us the latest on the proposed Cedar Street project.

BIRTHDAYS: Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28, Michelle Krell, Jan. 30, Steve Olsen, Feb. 1

FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Lily Redman, Lauren Arthur, Molly Hawkins, Dominic Yerhot and Jordan Whalen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

FEBRUARY GREETERS: Michelle Krell, Jeff Elstad and Amanda Heilman

FEBRUARY INVOCATION: Roger Wareheim

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Got an idea for a slogan for the 2020 Steele County Free Fair? The fair is seeking suggestions that are due March 1. Send to the fair office at Box 650 or to the fair website at www.scff.org.

Something new is coming to the fair this year: All-Star Stunt Dogs. What makes the dogs so special? Besides their talent for flipping, jumping and racing, all of these amazing pooches have been adopted out of pounds and shelters from across the country. The dogs will perform three times daily.

The Owatonna Public Schools are sponsoring tours of the high school on selected Saturday mornings from 8:00-10:00 am. Tours begin by the auditorium doors. The first of these tours will be this Saturday, February 2.

Like Chili? The 15th Annual Chili Cookoff will be held this Saturday, Feb. 2, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Owatonna Armory. Tickets are available at the K.C. Hall, Kottke's, Costa's, Huntington's and Owatonna Shoe. Proceeds benefit the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund.

THANKS TO ALL ROTARIANS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTIONS TO 3RD GRADERS AT OWATONNA SCHOOLS. THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT AND IT WAS FUN TO SEE THE REACTION OF THE STUDENTS TO HAVE THEIR OWN PRINTED BOOK. MOST OF THEM HAVE ONLY BEEN EXPOSED TO COMPUTERS AND RARELY HAVE SEEN A BOOK THAT THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN. THANKS TO PRESIDENT RYAN FOR COORDINATING. SHE DID A GREAT JOB EXPLAINING ROTARY TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Here's a shopping hint for ROTARIANS. The "sell by" date on eggs and other items in the store won't tell you how old the item is or when it will go bad. But here's another date that will: Look at the number on your egg carton. It corresponds to the date on the calendar when the item was packed. The number 1, for example, means January 1st...the number 365 means December 31st. Add another 30 days to be safe, because eggs can be laid up to a month before they are packed.

So anyway: My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds. I bought her a bathroom scale. That's when the fight started!"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK.