

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

February 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

February 13: Christy Tryhus, Dean of Academic Affairs and Customized Training, Riverland College

February 20: Steve Wencil, Blooming Prairie Stills

February 27: Club Business

March 6: Michele (Mitch) Merxbauer, Executive Dir., South Central Human Relations Center

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, January 9, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from two students who attended Camp Enterprise. Welcome to Carter Quam and Lizzy Kennedy.

BIRTHDAYS: Pat Greenwood, Jan 3, Christy Tryhus, Jan. 7

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR JAN: Welcome to McKenna DuFrene, Hailey Kjersten, Samantha Liebl and Ashley Holm

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

We will be without our piano player until May. Kim Cosens has ventured to Arizona for the rest of the winter.

FROM JENNIFER JONES, RI PRESIDENT

“Happy New Year to all ROTARY members! As I look upon 2023, I have a request to all ROTARIANS. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It’s up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. ROTARY is growing again. As I write this, we’re just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million ROTARIANS again. So, let’s redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.”

A ROTARY HISTORY NOTE

At one time in the early Owatonna ROTARY days, a Christmas gift exchange was always held the last meeting before Christmas. ROTARIANS would bring a humorous wrapped gift to the meeting. Gifts were then passed around the tables as Christmas music was played. When the music stopped, the gift you held was yours. Each ROTARIAN then had to stand up and reveal their gift. One that I can remember that brought the house down was a book on contraception methods received by Msgr. Henry Speck!

There are quite a number of members who remember the days of the big bands. The big band is coming to town this next Saturday, Jan. 14, when the Austin Big Band, a 17 piece jazz band based in Austin, Mn. will appear for an evening of dancing at the Steele County History Center. An invitation goes out to all ROTARIANS to come and join the fun. Ticket prices are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for nonmembers.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Elvis was originally blonde. He started coloring his hair black for an edgier look. Sometimes he would touch it up himself using shoe polish.

*Speaking of shoe polish. I can remember when a can of shoe polish sold for a quarter. The other day I purchased a can of brown shoe polish. The cost: \$6.34!

Community Bank of Owatonna celebrates its 20th year in business this Friday. The original Board of Directors included Gene Michaelson, Tom Effertz, Paul Arnfelt, Dale Bowers ,Bert Barrington, Jack McCarthy, Marlyn Zacharias, Dave “Ole” Olson and Steve Grams. “Ole” Olson has recently retired and his place is taken by his son, Dave Jr., who is a ROTARIAN.

FINALLY: I’m not sure if I washed the spider down my shower drain or if he took one look at me naked and leapt willingly to his death.