

Rotary O-Pinion

CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

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

June 5: Lindsay Thompson, Director, Young Life in Owatonna

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

July 3: No Meeting

July 10: Michelle Redman, Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

July 17: Rick Heidle: Rotary LIFT program

July 24: Vanessa Jensen, Director, Junior Achievement

July 31: Scott Mohs: Riverfront Project

August 7: Scott Kozelka, 2023 Fair Preview

August 14: Kelly McIntee: Youth Oriented Leadership Organization

August 21: Jennifer Thiele, Director: Steele County History Center

August 28: Club business

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Monday, July 17, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Rick Heidle who will make a presentation on the ROTARY LIFT PROGRAM.

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Krueger, July 16, Sharon West, July 17, Ray Stauers, July 23.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*Your Board of Directors are giving second thoughts to the distribution of dictionaries to 3rd graders in Owatonna Schools. The Board is currently looking for a replacement. It was the feeling of some board members that in this day and age, printed dictionaries are no longer being used. Kellen Henrichsen and Ryan Gillespie will seek a replacement.

*Mike Jensen reports that a possible third family will be interviewed to host our in-bound student next school year.

*ROTARIAN Steve Arnold has been granted a leave of absence until Nov. 15, 2023. ROTARIANS Matt Ketelson has resigned, Lon Thiele has resigned. Our club now has 61 members plus 2 honorary members.

*From RI President R. Gordon R. Mcinally: "Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity and inclusion....ensuring that ROTARY reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we better serve humanity. And, we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them."

Going out in style

"Go As You Please", a funeral company in Scotland, is hoping to 'break the taboo' of talking about funeral arrangements by offering custom-made coffins. For instance, general manager Scott Purvis said the company created a coffin that looked like a Dyson vacuum box for someone whose history included repairing vacuum cleaners. Other designs they've made include a pint of Tennent's lager and a Greggs sausage roll.

So anyway: Here I was, sitting at the bar, staring at my drink, when a large trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down. "Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says as I burst into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd cry...I can't stand to see a man crying." "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure, I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me. So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to end it all. I buy a drink, drop a capsule in, and sit her watching the poison dissolve. Then you show up and drink the whole thing! But, enough about me, how's your day going?"