

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS 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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PROGRAMS

- July 29: “Nuga” Atewologun, President, Riverland College
- August 5: Preview: SCFF: Scott Kozelka
- August 12: Brian Wright, Park and Rec. Scholarships
- August 19: Christian Berg, OPD...Human Trafficking
- August 26: Nikki Erickson: “Visiting My Mother’s Murderer”
- September 2: No Meeting...Labor Day
- September 9: SPAMbassadors from Hormel in Austin
- September 16: Al Smith Pencil Drawings
- September 23: Richard DeBeau and Alan Anderson: Climate Change and Rotary Action Team
- September 30: Visit from District Governor Paul Perez
- October 7: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
- October 14: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools
- October 21: Open
- October 28: Open
- November 4: Presentation of Vern White Award
- November 11: Open
- November 18: Open

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Monday, July 22, 2019

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THIS WEEK: John Hinderaker, President of the Center of the American Experiment

BIRTHDAYS: Keith Hiller and Ray Stawarz, July 23

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A note to all ROTARTIANS from Gary C.K. Huang, Foundation Trustee Chair: “When I look at the amazing work that the Foundation has ahead of it this year, I’m astonished. We are making such an enormous lasting impact on the world. In the near future, polio will be wiped off the face of the earth...all because of you. We didn’t have “high-fives” when I played high school basketball, but I would have loved to give out high-fives for every basket. Now, I’m eager to give them to you. There is so much you can do to give a high-five to the Foundation. Let’s see how many high-fives all of us can give in the next year. Whether you write five more checks, hold five more fundraisers, find five new donors, or simply give five more dollars, every high-five counts! Children of the world are counting on us. Let’s make this the Foundation’s greatest year yet!”

How closely do you watch expiration dates on the food you buy? Here’s the story of a Maryland man who spent a year eating food past its expiration date in an effort to prove that those dates are arbitrary. Scott Nash’s diet included year-old Tortillas, nine-month-old yogurt, meats numerous weeks past their expiration dates, heavy cream that exceeded its “best-use” date, and butter so old it grew mold. He concluded that “some stuff really does go bad, but still thinks the “sell-by” dates result in a lot of wasted food that gets discarded due to these arbitrary and confusing dates.”

THERE’S NEVER ENOUGH TIME TO DO ALL THE NOTHING YOU WANT.

Poll Watch: President Trump’s approval rating among registered voters is now 47%, the highest since he took office. And in hypothetical matchups with Democrats, only Joe Biden still maintains a clear advantage over Trump topping him 53%-43%. Kamala Harris leads Trump 48%-46% while Bernie Sanders has a 49%-48% lead. Trump is running even with Elizabeth Warren (at 48%) and Pete Buttlegieg(at 47%). (The Washington Post-ABC News).

55% of Americans say clergy members or religious leaders have influenced their lives, while 45% say they’ve had no influence at all.

An interesting note: One in six public school teachers work a second job outside the classroom to supplement income, including some during the school year.

We’re used to it being hot in July. Think of those folks in Anchorage where the temperature reached a record 90 degrees on July 4, a whopping 5 degrees higher than the prior record. It was so hot that many Alaskans went to the beach or lakes to cool off, while others bought their first air conditioner.

Keith Hiller has submitted his resignation from the club.

So anyway: As a man steps off the curb to cross the street, a car careens around the corner and heads straight for him. The alarmed man tries to hurry, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him. So, he turns to go back to the sidewalk. Too late...the car changes lanes again. Panicked, the man freezes in the middle of the road, and just as the car hit him, it comes to a screeching halt. The drivers window rolls down, and a squirrel pokes his head out “See” he says. “It’s not as easy as it looks!”