

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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 7: Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson, Owatonna Parks and Recreation

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival: Leslie Partridge

June 21: Butterfly Project: Dr. Beth, Chad Lange, Jim Brunner

June 28: David Yorks: Discrepancies in the President Kennedy Assassination.

July 5: No meeting

July 12: Open/New office installation

July 19: Open

July 26: Dr. Jason Wray-Raabolle: Mayo Health System, Owatonna

August 2: Open

August 9: Scott Kozelka: Preview of Steele County Free Fair

August 16: Open

August 23: Open

August 30: Open

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Monday June 21, 2021

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THIS WEEK: ROTARIANS Dr. Beth and Chad Lange will present facts about the club's Environmental Project.

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Plemel, June 25

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FOR YOUR PLANNING, NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 5.

FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK:

"The ROTARY we experienced in 2020-'21 was nimble, adaptable, and creative. The next step is not to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. We must move forward. Let's apply what we have learned in order to offer new experiences and opportunities for our members."

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRANSFORMS YOUR GIFTS INTO SERVICE PROJECTS THAT CHANGE LIVES CLOSE TO HOME AND AROUND THE GLOBE. BY GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND, YOU MAKE THESE LIFE-CHANGING PROJECTS POSSIBLE SO THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD FOR YEARS TO COME.

AROUND TOWN

Dirt is being moved and construction will soon begin on West Pearl Street for another apartment complex. Soon, work will begin on the Streetscape project in the 300 block of North Cedar. Three blocks from Cedar and Rose to Broadway will be remodeled one block at a time.

Corky's Early Bird softball tournament will be held July 29-August 1. This year a women's tournament will also be held. Games will be played in Faribault. Over 200 teams have registered for the men's event.

The morning ROTARY Club will again be sponsoring the fireworks this 4th of July. The show will take place in front of the grandstand. ROTARIAN Glen Meger will be providing free watermelon for those who wish to view the fireworks from his funeral home parking area. Rest rooms will also be open.

Did you know? "Hoagy" Carmichael holds the record for the song with the longest title. The song was released around 1943: "I'm a Cranky Old Yank In a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokohama with My Honolulu Mamma Doin' These Beat-o, Beat-o, Flat-On-My-Seat-o, Hirohito Blues."

So anyway: When I went to lunch the other day, I noticed an old lady sitting on a park bench sobbing her eyes out. I stopped and asked her what was wrong. She said, "I have a 22-year-old husband at home. He makes love to me every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee." I said, "Well, then why are you crying?" She said, "He makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favorite brownies and then makes love to me for half the afternoon." I said, "Well, why are you crying?" She said, "For dinner, he makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then makes love to me until 2:00 a.m." I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?" She said, "I can't remember where I live!"

Finally, a golfer teed up his ball and took a mighty swing. He hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found the ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. As he approached the Pearly Gates St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied, "Got here in two didn't I?"