

Rotary O-Pinion

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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 13: Leslea Partridge: Wenger Marching Band Festival
 June 20: Mark Blando, Director, Owatonna Public Library
 June 27: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Sabra Otteson and Dick Slieter
 July 4: No Meeting
 July 11: Kathy Huisman, Center for Family Unity
 July 18: Installation of new officers
 July 25: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Kris Busse and Dom Korbal
 August 1: Retired Attorney and former ROTARIAN Stephen Smith
 August 8: Scott Kozelka, Preview of Steele County Free Fair
 August 15: School Construction Update: Jeff Elstad and Bob Olson
 August 22: Jason Bergman: Operation Bootstrap, Africa
 August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
 September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
 September 12: Open
 September 19: Open
 September 26: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Former ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, retired Police Chief

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Monday, June 27, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from ROTARIANS Lois Nelson and her guests Sabra Otteson and Dick Slieter

BIRTHDAYS: Scott Golberg, June 28

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA:

“This is my final message to all ROTARIANS. I want to thank each of you for your proactive service. I also want to thank the wonderful ROTARY staff for ensuring that we can work with care for our fellow human beings, with peace in our hearts. I wish the very best for all of you as you *Serve to Change Lives.*”

The ROTARY Theme for next year is “Imagine ROTARY”

“A guy just came into our auto parts store wanting to know if we sold longer dipsticks. His doesn't reach the oil anymore.”

“When you do squats are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on a can stuffed with celery?”

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

This Thursday a public open house will be held for former ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, who is retiring after serving as Owatonna's Chief of Police for 12 years. The event will take place at the Owatonna Arts Center from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Hiller also wraps up a career of 35 years in law enforcement.

4th OF JULY

There will be no meeting next week which is the 4th of July. All ROTARIANS are invited to Blooming Prairie for the day with activities for young and old. The July 4 parade will be held beginning at 2:30. The Early Edition ROTARY Club will present another great fireworks show in Owatonna at the fairgrounds that night.

*Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

*Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there...it was the bathroom, but still.....

FORGETTING THE FILL

With gasoline prices so high, many motorists are not filling up their tanks as they make tougher choices of how much they can spend and when. As many near the end of a pay-cycle, many are buying just enough gas that they hope will last them until the next payday. AAA reports that out-of-gas calls are up 32% from last year, and the was only through April, before prices shot even higher in May and June. If prices remain elevated, more big-city commuters will switch to public transportation or car-pooling.

So anyway: A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. The shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle the driver so badly. The driver replied, “No, no...I'm the one who is sorry. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years!”