

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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

February 4: Al Zdrzil: "Fight Against Human Trafficking"

February 11: School District Foundation

February 18: Plans for a new high school

February 25: Abby Donahe, "Unlimited Abilities"

March 4: Nancy Williams, Trina Kasperson: Homeless students in Owatonna Public Schools

March 11: State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Chris Busse, Troy Klecker

March 18: The story of Revel Greens: Jay Johnson

March 25: Mark Coyle, U. of M. Athletic Director

April 1: Randy Doyle, CEO, Alcorn

April 8: Update on We All Play

April 15: Mac Hamilton, Developer

April 22: Carol Belmore: Middle School "REACH program"

April 29: Former Senator Dave Durenberger

May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates

May 13: National Honor Society Students

May 20: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...District Fast for Hope

May 27: Memorial Day, no meeting

June 3: Farewell from Iringo

June 10: Chuck Driessen: History of Culligan and Culligan Ultrapure

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Monday, March 11, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our annual report on the State of the City with ROTARIANS Mayor Tom Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse and City Development Director Troy Klecker.

BIRTHDAYS: Pat McDermott, March 11. Belated to Ryan Gillespie, March 2

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Alissa Jensen, Brooke Schwartz, Liam Miller and Selena Ong

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A Question for President-Elect Mark Maloney: ROTARY'S efforts towards peace: reasonable aspiration or exercise in head-banging futility?

Answer: "It's a reasonable aspiration. My father-in-law, Gilmer Blackburn, told me 15 or 20 years ago that if peace is going to come to the world, he's convinced that its going to be through ROTARY. We have the opportunity to have an impact toward a more peaceful world. Do we have the opportunity to create the Pax Romana that existed at the time of the birth of Christ? No, but we do have the ability to contribute to peace, to put leaders out there through our Peace Fellows program who may help lead to some version of the Pax Romana."

WHAT IS ROTARY?

ROTARY is an international organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build peace and goodwill throughout the world. The motto of ROTARY is "Service Above Self" and service truly is the cornerstone of what ROTARY stands for.

Though each club is distinct from one another, both Owatonna clubs share the ROTARY IDEAL and often work together in accomplishing ROTARY's objectives within the Owatonna community and our local district as well as internationally.

Goodies for ROTARIANS

Overall, 56% of Americans a "Medicare for all" plan. But support drops to 37% if it would require them to pay more in taxes.

56% of registered voters say they will "definitely" not vote to re-elect Trump in 2020, while only 28% say they "definitely" will vote for him.

Sixty eight percent of Americans believe that a woman will be elected president in their lifetime. Thirty One percent think they'll see a president with a religion other than Christianity, while twenty two percent believe that an atheist will be elected. Twenty one percent think they'll see a gay person elected president.

Suffering from neck pain? Here's something that will help. With your thumb or your fingertips, apply steady pressure on the sore spot for three minutes. Research shows that this simple acupressure technique helps loosen tight muscles to lessen pain.

Finally: Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad it's good...) A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!