

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

- March 7: Scott Limberg: The Growth of Owatonna Live
- March 14: Owatonna Update: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna
- March 21: Julie Bleckeberg Fiske, Exec. Dir. of Growing Hope
- March 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!: Lois Nelson: Steve Arnold, Dave Effertz
- April 4: No Meeting
- April 11: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff
- April 18: Anne Peterson, Manager, Minn. State Orphanage Museum
- April 25: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 2: Kathey Huisman, Exchange Club Center for Child Abuse
- May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition
- May 16: National Honor Society Recognition
- May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
- May 30: No meeting...Memorial Day
- June 6: Matt Durand and Karina Schmitz: Steele County Housing Coalition
- June 13: Dom Korbal, Director, Community Pathways

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Monday, March 14, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Troy Klecker, Owatonna Community Development Director with an update

BIRTHDAYS: None

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Audrey Simon, Maria Mollenhauer, Arianna Shornock and Hillary Haarstad

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Shekhar Mehta: "The pandemic has affected girls in unique ways...stunting their educational attainment, weakening their job prospects, and contributing to other terrible results such as child marriages and increased human trafficking. We can continue to build hope and spread peace by using our resources to help the most vulnerable. Our focus on empowering girls is such vital work and I am delighted that President-Elect Jennifer Jones has committed to continuing this initiative. In my travels, I have witnessed many wonderful examples of club projects that back our Empowering girl's goals. But all ROTARIANS know that real change requires big efforts sustained over many years. This is the power of our global grants and actions taken within our areas of focus."

It's coming soon! The 100th Celebration of the Owatonna ROTARY Club...100 Years Strong! Saturday, April 2 is the date at Torey's Restaurant and Bar. Social hour will be at 5:00, Buffet dinner at 6:00 and Celebration Program at 7:00. Cost is \$25.00 per person. RSVP by March 25.

Did You Know? At least 57 people who took some part in the January 6 attempt to overturn the election are currently running for elected office, including some who breached the Capitol and face criminal charges. More than two dozen are running for Congress, the State Legislature or other statewide office; at least five are running for Governor.

Did You Know? Little Theatre of Owatonna was actually born in 1941. The first production opened November 12 of that year when Betty Cashman directed the play, "George Washington Slept Here". The present LTO was born almost to that date 25 years later when Veta Alexander directed, "Three Men on a Horse".

How long has it been since you've checked your headlights, taillights, signals, and brake lights on your car? It's amazing you see the number of cars one sees in town that have at least one of those lights not working. Some newer cars indicate a burned-out light with a signal on the dashboard. It's hard to detect a headlight out unless you got to the front of the car and look. On the new cars, a burned-out light isn't just as simple as replacing it with a new bulb. It's a major job that only a mechanic can do and it can cost a pretty penny.

AS A ROTARIAN, I WILL:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to: Mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS.

So Anyway: My wife and I were discussing aspects of our future. When it was my turn, I asked her, "What will you do if I die before you do?" After some thought she said that she'd probably look for a house-sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be a bit younger than herself. Then she asked me, "What will you do if I die first?" I replied, "Probably the same thing." **THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED!**