

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

March 11: State of the City: Mayor Kuntz, Chris Busse, Troy Klecker
March 18: The story of Revol 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
June 17: Open
June 24: Open
July 1: Open
July 8: Open
July 15: Open

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Monday, March 18, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The story of Revol Greens with president Jay Johnson

BIRTHDAYS: None

MARCH STUDENT ROTARIANS: Selena Ong, Liam Miller, Brook Schwartz, Alissa Johnson

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

2019 Shredding Event: Saturday, May 18. Proceeds to the We All Play project. "We All Shred, We All Play". Thanks to ROTARIAN Earl Anderson for chairing the project. If you can work a two hour shift that day, let Earl know

You're Gift at Work! The power of ROTARY lies in our global network of community leaders and technical experts who share our mission to improve health, support education and alleviate poverty. Working as partners, we achieve lasting change through the combination of local oversight and the resources of an international organization. Although ROTARY gives back in countless ways, we focus our service efforts in six areas to maximize our local and global impact: promoting peace, fighting disease, promoting clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and local communities.

TO THE GUY WHO STOLE MY ANTI-DEPRESSANTS. I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW!

President Trump's latest physical showed that he is 6'3" and 243 pounds...a four-pound gain over last year that now makes him technically obese. White House doctor Sean Conley said the president's bad cholesterol level is high, but that he "remains in very good health overall."

A North Carolina girl's message in a bottle has been recovered by a woman in Ireland. After a ship captain placed the bottle into the Gulf Stream current 40 miles off the U.S. coast as part of the girl's 4th grade science project, it took 15 months to travel 3700 miles to Doohoma Beach where it was found.

Poll Watch: Only 25% of Americans say they'd be enthusiastic about or comfortable with and presidential candidate who is a socialist and 37% with a candidate over age 75. 87% would be enthusiastic about or comfortable with an African American running for the White House, 84% with a woman, and 68% with a candidate who is gay or lesbian, up from 43% in 2006.

Filed your taxes yet? Don't expect a bigger refund this year, even if your taxes did go down overall. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center concluded that the average household's tax obligations would go down \$1600.00 under the new tax law and only about five percent of filers would see a tax increase. However, after the tax law took effect, the IRS proactively went ahead and reduced the amount of taxes withheld from American's paychecks. So, if you're getting a tax cut, much of it would already have been in your paycheck. Many earlier filers actually saw smaller refunds, though by the end of February, refunds were running at roughly the same pace as 2017.

So anyway: The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work long, hard hours. The blacksmith instructed the boy, "When I take the shoe out of the fire, I nod my head and you hit it with this hammer." The apprentice did just as he was told. Now, he's the village blacksmith!