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IMAGINE ROTARY

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 20: Dr. Jason Wray Raabole: Owatonna Clinic update

March 27: Club Business: Annual Mtg.

April 3: Liz Andrist: "Let Africa Live"

April 10: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary's

April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools

April 24: Kaia (Duffus) Liang: 2006 Outbound Student to India, lived in China the last 7 years

May 1: Owatonna Foundation

May 8: Jared Hendricks, Energy Conservation Officer, Owatonna Public Utilities (addressing solar energy)

May 15: Silvia, In-Bound Exchange Student from Italy

May 22: Club Business

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce: Gov. Pheasant Opener

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, March 20, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Dr. Jason-Wraay-Raabole will give an update on the Owatonna Clinic.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Joe Hellerud, Paiton Glynn, Ty Svenby and Drew Kretlow

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia from Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

The morning club is already thinking about the July fireworks in Owatonna. ROTARIAN John Havelka reports that the club wants to present a \$25,000 show this year which means there will be a good amount of fundraising. Last year the show cost \$24,000. Our club annually gives \$500 to the morning club for their fireworks fund. They are asking that we increase our donation this year.

The morning club is sponsoring a "Purse Bingo" on April 14 as a fundraiser for the fireworks. You may also donate individually donate by sending a check to the Chamber Foundation Fireworks Fun. Checks can be sent to the Chamber of Commerce.

A SPOTTY REPORT ON SEEING A UFO

Hichem Argani, a police officer in Boxtel, Netherlands, was on patrol when he spotted an unidentified object in the sky. He posted on Instagram about the suspected "spy balloon" hovering over the city and followed in his car, posting updates on how it eerily seemed to maintain the same distance between it and him. Finally, he decided to pull over to get a closer look, which was when he realized that the UFO was a blob of bird poo stuck to his windshield. He updated his post saying, "Boxtel is safe".

Why give to the ROTARY FOUNDATION?

The Foundation has been given a four-star rating, the highest possible for 14 years in a row. Low Overhead: In 2021-'22, 89% of the money given to the ROTARY FOUNDATION went to programs. Stewardship: Financial reporting is done well, is easy to understand and money that ROTARIANS donate is being guarded well, protected well, invested well.

So anyway: John and Helen met while on vacation and John fell head over heels in love with her. After a couple of weeks in which John took Helen out to various dance clubs, restaurants, concerts etc. he was convinced it was true love...so on the last night of his vacation, the two went to dinner and had a serious talk about how the relationship would continue. "It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut," John said to his newfound lady friend. "I eat, sleep, and breathe golf, so if that's going to be a problem, you'd better say so now!" Helen took a deep breath and said, "Since we're being honest with each other, here goes...You need to know I'm a hooker. "I see," John replied. "That's a problem for sure." He was deep in thought...then he said, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off."

St. Patrick's Day was last Friday....so here's a good old Irish Joke: Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Ok, pedestrians." Then he'd allow traffic to pass. He'd done this several times and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!