

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

Sat. April 2: 100th Anniversary banquet: Torey's: 5:00 p.m. social , dinner, 6:00, program, 7:00.

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

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 21, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Julie Bleckeberg Fisk, Executive Director of “Growing Hope”.

BIRTHDAYS: None

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

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Everyone should have received in the mail a special invitation to the 100th Anniversary of the Owatonna ROTARY club. Please send in your reservation for the celebration dinner on April 2. A special note: One of the guests of honor will be Arnold Krueger, 94 years old, who was the first pianist for our club and the composer of the ROTARY welcome song that is #1 in our songbook. Arnold lives in LeCenter and fondly remembers his ROTARY days.

The pianist duties then were taken over by Chuck Hoogland, who was the organist at Trinity Lutheran Church. His successor is our current pianist, Kim Cosens.

Remember, if you wish to place a ROTARY yard sign on your property, please let ROTARIAN Ryan Gillespie know SOON. The signs cost \$10.00.

ROTARY STORIES

This story comes from ROTARIAN Lonna Lysne: “ROTARY Friendship Exchange (RFE) had the potential to alter one’s habits to last forever. This happened to me in 2010. I was the ROTARY District Chair setting up an exchange with another club from the Philippines. A team of ten arrived in Minnesota for a ten-day stay before leaving for the International Convention in Montreal, Canada. They were some of the most playful people I have ever met. I asked them to pose for a group photo. Suddenly, I heard ‘Whacky Whacky!’ Their formal pose instantly turned into a fast forward movie and I got the most entertaining and forever lasting photo of clownish poses. Since, I shout out “Whacky! Whacky! with a camera in hand for friends and family...they all know what I am expecting.”

Did you know? In his first year in office, President Biden gave both fewer news conferences and fewer media interviews than of the last five presidents did in their first year. Biden gave nine press conferences compared with Donald Trump’s 22, Barack Obama’s 27, and Bill Clinton’s 38. Biden gave 22 interviews compared with 92 for Trump and 156 for Obama.

AROUND TOWN

ROTARIAN Lon Thiele told the Blooming Prairie Times that he intends to run for re-election as Sheriff in Steele County. He indicated he is “not done yet” and loves his job.

The 2022 Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival is back to normal again. After COVID forced the festival to be held last year without public onlookers, this year the parade route and competitions will be open to the public. The parade will begin on Lincoln Ave north to Main Street and West on Main to the judging area at Main and Elm.

So anyway:

I finally did it! I bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen!

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day. A lady asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.....