

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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 8: Dr, “Nuga”, Pres, Riverland and Barb Embacher, V.P. Academic Affairs

March 15: Mayor Tom Kuntz/Kris Busse: State of the City

March 22: Keith Hiller, Owatonna Police Chief

March 29: Maureen Schlobohm and Nancy Ness, co-directors of Community Pathways

April 5: Roger Warehime, Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities

April 12: Owatonna Parks and Recreation: We All Play Report and check presentation

April 19: Rick Heidick: Fast for Hope

April 26: Jenna Tuma, New Owatonna Parks and Recreation Director

May 3: Open

May 10: OHS National Honor Society

My 17: Open

May 24: Open

May 31: Memorial Day...no meeting

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Monday, March 22, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Owatonna's Chief of Police, Keith Hiller, will update us on the police department.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Alix Bettin, Ashton Jensen, Lauren Borgerding and Nolan Burmeister

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Your Board of Directors discussed when to resume in-person meetings. The Country Club is now able to accommodate up to 60 people to be served a plated meal. The Board decided to hold off holding meetings at the Country Club until at least the May 3 meeting so that we can assess how the trend is developing regarding COVID in the state. So, we will continue the ZOOM meetings through at least April.

The certification of the African region as wild polio-free is a milestone in ROTARY'S commitment to rid the world of polio. But the work isn't over. We are entering a phase that will be a bit more difficult, because when we advocate for more funds and more resources, people will say that we've been certified polio-free, so why do we need more?

As long as the poliovirus survives anywhere, it remains only a plane ride away. Routine immunization rates in Nigeria aren't high enough to guarantee that if wild poliovirus is imported back into the country, more children won't be paralyzed. The country will still need to hold regular National Immunization Days, even if not at the pace they were held before certification. The current slogan is "Keep Polio at Zero".

You can play a part in keeping Africa free of wild polio...and in wiping out wild polio in the last two endemic countries., Afghanistan and Pakistan. Each contribution to PolioPlus gets us closer to our goal of \$50 million per year to end polio. With every dollar matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, your donation goes even further to help reach children in every part of the world with the polio vaccine as well as other life saving vaccines and health care. Make your contribution at endpolio.org/donate.

REGULAR COFFEE DRINKER?

In three recent studies, coffee drinking was associated more strongly than any other dietary factor with a decreased long-term risk for heart failure. Drinking a cup a day or less had no effect, but two cups a day conferred a 31% reduced risk and three cups reduced risk by 29%. There were not enough subjects who drank more than three cups daily to know whether more coffee would decrease the risk further. Caffeine may be an important factor, but the mechanism for the effect is not known.

AROUND TOWN

Spring break for Owatonna schools will be held beginning Friday and through next week. Upon return of students on March 29, all secondary students will attend in-person classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Scott Kozelka, manager of the Steele County Free Fair, said that the fair board is progressing toward having a fair this year. A problem that could be encountered is if the Gov. puts a limit on the number of people that can gather on the fairgrounds safely. This could be accomplished at the state fair or county fairs that have fencing around the grounds, but it would literally be impossible to control the number of fairgoers at fairs like ours that are free and have no fencing around the grounds. Let's hope!

SO ANYWAY

A man came upon a magic lamp. A genie popped from it and offered the man three wishes. The man's first wish is that there would be no lawyers. "That's it, you're done", said the genie. The man protested that he had two wishes left. The genie replied, "So sue me!"