

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 Revel 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 25, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Mark Coyle, Athletic Director at the University of Minnesota

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Liam Miller, Selena Ong, Brooke Schwartz and Alissa Jensen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

ROTARY NOTES

President-Elect Mark Maloney: “ROTARY is like a United Nations of individuals. The United Nations is an international organization of countries, ROTARY is an international organization of individuals. We are having a tremendous impact in the world. We need to grow ROTARY. We need more hands doing service, more brains coming up with ideas. We need more partnerships, more connections. To accomplish that, I have four priorities for my presidency and number 1 is growing ROTARY. My second and third priorities support the first. At every level of this organization, we need to design our club meetings, service projects and social events so they are family-friendly. We need to provide opportunities that complement younger individuals’ family lives rather than compete with those family lives.

My third priority is that we must change our culture, our attitudes, and the way we do business so that it is possible and apparent that you can be actively engaged in ROTARY and even assume positions of leadership while still actively engaged in your business or profession.

My fourth priority is focusing on ROTARY’S relationship with the United Nations The annual ROTARY-UN Day will be returning to the UN headquarters in New York after having been in Geneva and Nairobi.”

Noted

Democrats have chosen Milwaukee, Wis. as the site for their 2020 national convention. Party organizers hope to win back the once Democratic leaning state, which Hilary Clinton lost in 2016 after holding no campaign events there.

Appreciate your local newspaper! More than 1,400 cities and towns across the U.S. have had a newspaper close over the past 15 years. As a result, many Americans no longer have journalists serving as watchdogs on their local public officials, chronicling high school and amateur sports, or honoring the lives of local residents.

What do you think? There are bills in the House and Senate to extend daylight saving time year-‘round. Steve Calandrillo in Market Watch.com. said the year-‘round DST would end the clock fiddling and “make all our lives better,” Studies suggest that an extra hour of evening sunlight would diminish fatal U.S. traffic accidents, reduce crime by 20%, save energy and boost commerce and recreation. Let’s set “the clocks forward forever” and never switch them back.

A California hospital has apologized for sending a robot to tell a man he was dying. Now deceased Ernest Quintana was in his hospital room when a robot rolled into the room and a doctor on its video screen informed him he only had days to live. His daughter said the message should have been delivered by a human being.

Finally, did you know? Downtown Minneapolis has an enclosed skyway system covering 52 blocks, allowing people to live, work, eat and sleep without ever going outside. The only downside to this is that a Norwegian occasionally turns up missing.

The snowmobile was invented in Roseau, Minn. So as to allow families a means of attending 4th of July picnics.

SAT, MAY 10: WE ALL SHRED, WE ALL PLAY!....9 A.M.-1 P.M.