

Rotary O-Pinion

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

June 26: Club business

July 3: No meeting

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, March 27, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This is the annual meeting of the club. Important issues will be discussed.

BIRTHDAYS: Dom Korbel, April 2

IN- BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia from Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Board Meeting Report:

*There will be no meeting on Monday, July 3

*Dues approved include lunches:

\$225 quarter, regular member

\$175 quarter: Retiree

\$84.50 quarter: Piano Player

\$100/year for Foundation: All members voluntary donation

*Approved \$500 donation to morning Rotary for fireworks

*Brad Vettrus has resigned as secretary. Lois Nelson will step in

HOW PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL USE HIS YEAR

Gordon McNally, the next ROTARY year International President, would like to use his year to spotlight mental health, an issue that has touched his family directly and that is all too often kept under wraps. McNally is an ambassador for Bipolar UK, an organization that supports people with the illness as well as their families and care givers. The ROTARY theme will be "Create Hope in the World." "I'm a great believer that everything starts with hope."

(The upcoming president-elect is a member of the South Queensferry, Scotland.)

ROTARIAN Steve Arnold suffered a stroke the weekend of March 18. Our best wishes to him.

Remember: Never leave the house without a kiss, a hug and "I Love You", then remove the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car.

Did you know? The 80 million pounds of pesticides and herbicides we add to our lawns each year also disrupt the food chain, killing helpful insects and plants.

Wife: "Why did I get fat during quarantine?" Husband: "You weren't really skinny to begin with." Time of death, 11:00 pm. Cause: COVID.

So anyway: A guy sits down at the bar and orders drink after drink. "Is everything ok, Pal?" the bartender asks. "My wife and I got into a fight and she said she isn't talking to me for a month!" Trying to put a positive spin on things, the bartender says, "Well, maybe that's kind of a good thing....you know, a little peace and quiet." "Yeah, but today is the last day!"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!