

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
- 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: Leslea Partridge: Wenger Marching Band Festival
- June 20: Mark Blando, Director, Owatonna Public Library

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Monday, March 28, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARY, 100 YEARS STRONG! Lois Nelson, Steve Arnold and Dave Effertz

BIRTHDAYS: Dom Korbel, April 2

MARCH STUDENTS: Last day for Audrey Simon, Maria Mollenhauer, Arianna Shornock and Hillary Haarstad

APRIL STUDENTS: Abigale Dirks, Mirah Eichten, Savannah Smith, Grace Jacobs

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT Shekhar Mehta: “None of us know how long the COVID-19 virus will linger and as an organization that has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate polio, we understand better than most the difficult work that lies ahead. That is why we need to remain focused on what is possible -not feeling nostalgic for the way our lives were, but looking hopefully to a future that uses this opportunity to *Serve to Change Lives*. I look forward to continuing this good work with you.”

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

This weekend is when we celebrate the 100th birthday of our club! It's Saturday night at Torey's Restaurant. Social hour is 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 and program at 7:00. A very special ROTARIAN will be joining us. Arnold Krueger, the first pianist for our club, at age 94, will be coming for our celebration. He is also the composer of our ROTARY welcome song, number 1 in our songbook. There will be other special guests to be introduced. There will be NO regular meeting next Monday.

I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together!

FORMER STUDENT ROTARIAN NAMED COCA-COLA SCHOLAR

Fardouza Farah, who was one of our Student Rotarians the first month of school, has been named a 2022 Coca-Cola Scholar and will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship. Less than 1/4th of applicants were chosen to receive this extremely competitive award. 150 high school seniors were selected from an initial pool of 68,000+ applications from across the country based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities.

as a member of the 34th class of Coca-Cola Scholars, Farah not only exemplifies superior leadership, service and academics, she is a change agent, positively affecting others in the community

Farah is actively involved in the Justice Education Project, International Central Asian Project, Speech, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Students Helping Others Choose (SHOC), Green Team, Girls United, Student Council and Color Guard. She is also president of the Minnesota Youth Against Sexual Violence.

Did You Know? More than 1700 members of the U.S. Congress throughout history were slave owners at some point in their lives. They represented 37 states, including every state in New England and many Western and Midwestern States. When Sen. Daniel Webster gave a famous speech on slavery in 1850, 45 of the 106 congressmen present were slave owners.

So anyway: Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for discharged patients However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked him if his wife was meeting him. “I don't know,” he said. “She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown!”