

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

February 20: Steve Wencil, Blooming Prairie Stills

February 27: Club Business...Annie Harmon, Associate Editor, Owa. People's Press

March 6: Michele Merxbauer, Exec. Director: South Central Human Relations Center

March 13: Center of the American Experiment

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: Open

May 22: Club Business

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

FROM THE BOARD MEETING:

*ROTARIANS ARE URGED TO IDENTIFY OUR CLUB AS NOON Rotary Club when referring to our club in any way.

*Our club will be sending one student to Camp RYLA this year

*Help for Earthquake victims in Turkey can be donated to at the Club District Level or through Shelter Box.

*ROTARIANS are being sought to fill the spots of President Elect and Secretary. Contact President Ann.

*The club treasury is just slightly over \$19,000. There are still some outstanding dues that have not been paid. Those ROTARIANS will be contacted.

Did you know? There are enough restaurants in New York City for a person to eat out every night for 54 years and never visit the same restaurant twice.

Did you know? The average person looks at their cell phone 150 times a day!

Did you know? Minnesota gets its name from the Sioux Indian word, “man-nee-soo-tah,” meaning “No really...they eat fish soaked in lye? (Lutefisk)

FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES

“It strikes me that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different. I feel fortunate to meet such incredible people.

Remember, your gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene education, which are basic necessities for a healthy environment, and a productive life. Your donation to the Foundation Annual Fund provides these essentials in communities close to home and around the world.

Author Laura Ingalls Wilder was raised at Walnut Grove, Minn. And was famous for writing “Little House on the Prairie” series of books, as well as “Spam Diet”. Which consists of looking at a plate of Spam until you lose your appetite....much like the Lutefisk Diet.

So Anyway

A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man’s car. Both of their cars are demolished, but amazingly neither was hurt. After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said,, “Wow, just look at our cars! There’s nothing left! But fortunately, we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days. The man replied, “I agree with you. This must be a sign from God!

The Woman continued, “And look at this, here’s another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of 75 Year old Scotch didn’t break. Surely God meant for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune.” Then she handed the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opened it, drank half the bottle and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man. The man asks, “Aren’t you having any?” She replies, “Nah, I think I’ll just wait for the police.”

Some years ago, Adam ate the apple. Men will never learn!

Did you know? The oleander is the official flower of the city of Hiroshima. Why? It was the first to bloom again after the explosion of the atomic bomb in 1945.

THANKS TO ROTARIAN MIKE JENSEN FOR GETTING THE O’PINION OUT TO MEMBERS EACH WEEK AND FOR BRINGING PRINTED VERSIONS TO THE MEETINGS.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!