

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

February 7: No Meeting...OCC Cleaning.
February 14: Keith Hiller, Chief of Police
February 21: Brad Meier, President, Chamber of Commerce
February 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Pastor Dave, Angela Gonzales, Randy Rickman, People's Press
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

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 7, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Scott Limberg President of Owatonna Live will speak on the beginning and growth of the local channel.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Welcome to Audrey Simon, Maria Mollenhauer, Arianna Shornock and Hillary Haarstad

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTAZ: “On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 constituted a pandemic. Two years later it is important that we continue to draw on our expertise in disease prevention and treatment to help people worldwide cope with the continuing challenges. The Pandemic continues to defy all expectations, but we cannot be frozen in fear. Our work is too important. It is also important that we make time for each other, and I urge you to register for the 2022 RI Convention in Houston.”

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THE 100TH CELEBRATION OF OUR CLUB BEING HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 2 AT TOREY'S RESTAURANT. 5 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR, 6 P.M. BUFFET DINNER AND CELEBRATION PROGRAM AT 7:00. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PERSONAL INVITATION CARD IN THE MAIL. MEAL PRICE IS \$25.00. SEND A CHECK TO THE CLUB P.O. BOX 218 IN OWATONNA BY MARCH 25.

AS A SPECIAL 100 YEARS STRONG COMMEMORATION, TWO-SIDED YARD SIGNS, 18 BY 24 INCHES WITH STAKE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL TO DISPLAY AT YOUR RESIDENCED OR BUSINESS. SIGNS ARE \$10.00. ORDER YOURS FROM ROTARIAN RYAN GILLESPIE BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

The 100-Years Strong Centennial Committee includes Lois Nelson, Chair, Assistant Governor Ryan Gillespie, Past President John Connor, Past Treasurer Jim Brunner, Mike Jensen, Lonna Lysne, Sharon West, President Glen Meger, Programs/Communications Chair Todd Hale and Membership Chair, Matt Hughes.

Lois Nelson found some information on ROTARY Clubs in Ukraine. There are 52 clubs in Ukraine located in different cities. There are close to 1000 members. There are nine clubs in the capitol city, Kyiv. Kyiv Multinational ROTARY Club was founded in 2006. It is a small English-speaking club. Average membership is 15-20. In a report from facebook, it is noted that “We are a gang of volunteers, but in our projects we have managed to improve the life prospect and outlook of almost 1.000 children and have touched more than 5,000. Babies have been saved, 10-year-old children have started walking for the first time, doctors have been trained, career opportunities have been opened and we have shown thousands of unfortunate children that the world cares about them That may actually be our most important result. For bigger muscle and more money, we work with ROTARY Clubs outside Ukraine including the U.S., Sweden, Germany, Denmark and even Brazil.

Comments made in the year 1955:

*I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00.

*Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It's won't be long before \$1,000 will only buy a used one.

*If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. Twenty cents a pack is ridiculous.

*Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging seven cents just to mail a letter?