

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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

January 4: Holly Jorgenson: Let's Smile Executive Director

January 11: David Ulrich: 21st Century Mining

January 18: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Mayo Clinic

January 25: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

Feb. 1: Troy Klecker: City Development Director: "A look at 2021"

Feb. 8: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

Feb. 15: Jessica Metcalf: Shelterbox program of which Rotary is involved.

Feb. 22: Lisa Kern, Director, Benedictine Care Facility

March. 1: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachel's Light

March 8: Dr, "Nuga", Pres, Riverland and Barb Embacher, V.P. Academic Affairs

March 15: Mayor Tom Kuntz/Kris Busse: State of the City

March 22: Keith Hiller, Owatonna Police Chief

March 29: Maureen Schlobohm and Nancy Ness, co-directors of Community Pathways

April 5: Open

April 12: Owatonna Park and Recreation: We All Play Report

April 19: Rick Heidick: Fast for Hope

April 26: Jenna Tuma, New Owatonna Parks and Recreation Director

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Monday, March 8, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Dr. Atenuga Atewologun, President of Riverland College and Barb Embacher, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Abigail Moran, Alix Bettin, Ashton Jensen, Lauren Borgerding and Nolan Burmeister

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK: “We are celebrating ROTARACTORS week March 8-14. ROTARACTORS are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate ROTARACT by including ROTARACT Clubs as members of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL. Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with ROTARACT’S age limits. I see no difference between a ROTARY Club and a ROTARACT Club, except perhaps for the average age. Many ROTARIANS still view ROTARACT as our youth organization, but I see it differently. For me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To be successful together, we need to have mutual respect...to see each other as equals. Let’s see ROTARACTORS for who they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs who are capable of planning, organizing, and managing a ROTARY institute.”

DST STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

Hard to believe, but Daylight Saving Time starts next Sunday. You will set your clocks forward an hour at 2:00 a.m. or when you go to bed. Credit for Daylight Saving Time is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who suggested the idea in 1784 as a joke. British-born New Zealander George Hudson proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907 when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a system in the pamphlet “The Waste of Daylight”.

The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel saving measure during WW I. The British switched a year later and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920 when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers (cows don’t pay attention to clocks).

During WW II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again (this time year-round) to save fuel. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates. Currently, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second /Sunday of March and ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Kitchen Restaurant, at the corner of Cedar and Rose was once an Edsel dealership? The business was run by Duel Pegg, brother of John Pegg who owned Pegg Ford further north on Cedar. At one time the garage behind the kitchen housed horses used by Alexander Lumber.

So anyway

I’ve sure gotten old! I’ve had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I’m, half blind, can’t hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore, can’t remember if I’m 85 or 92, have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver’s license.

Finally, it’s scary when you start making the same noises when sleeping as your coffee maker!