

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

April 5: Roger Warehime, Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities

April 12: Brad Meier, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

April 19: Rick Heidick: Fast for Hope

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

May 3: Dave Albrecht, Retired President, Owatonna Allina Hospital

May 10: Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary's School

May 17: Foundation Program

May 24: Mike Johnson, retiring Fire Chief

May 31: Memorial Day...no meeting

June 7: Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson, Owatonna Parks and Recreation

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival: Leslie Partridge

June 21: Butterfly Project: Dr. Beth, Chad Lange, Jim Brunner

June 28: David Yorks: Discrepancies in the President Kennedy Assassination.

July 5: Open

July 12: Steve Fisher, Regional President and Publisher, APG Southern Minn. (People's Press)

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Monday, May 17, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The ROTARY FOUNDATION team will present the program.

BIRTHDAYS: Mike Jensen, May 16, Michelle Redman and Penny Vizna, May 22

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Anna Herzog, Emma Anderson, Lily Sampson, Samuel Sampson, Abigail Moran, Sam Schnitker

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A reminder that meetings will return to in-person at the Country Club on June 7. Masks still required until you are sitting at a table of six. The meetings will also be carried on Zoom. You will be sent the link.

ROTARY has risen to so many challenges in its 112 years. We've answered conflict with peace, and poverty with education. We've responded to a lack of basic health care with projects large and small, from equipping clinics in tiny villages to eradicating polio across the globe.

Doctor: "You've got gall stones, kidney stones and bladder stones. Welcome to the Stone Age!"

AROUND TOWN

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Thursday, May 6 at the site of the new high school. Owatonna showed its support for the school in a big way, with local businesses offering generous financial support. Each local business expressed their commitment to Owatonna and the need to attract and retain quality employees through their combined financial gifts of \$22 million plus in-kind donations. The tax impact for the Owatonna community was reduced by 20% thanks to the generosity of business donations from Federated Ins., Mayo Clinic Health System, Viracon, Wenger Foundation, Wenger Corporation and Gopher Sport.

Other organizations have stepped forward offering support. The ISD Foundation and Owatonna Foundation each donated \$250,000 to construct a large community room within the new high school. Cybex/Life Fitness has offered support for the weight and fitness room.

There will be no Memorial Day parade again this year, however there will be a short program to be presented at the Four Seasons, featuring the OHS band and other volunteers. The program will not be open to the public, but only to parents of band members and other young people participating. The reading of 150 names of deceased veterans over the past two years will take place. KRFO will be taping the program and will air it at 12 noon on Memorial Day.

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 3 for the new Streetscape project downtown. The ceremony and program will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the small vacant lot next to the Bagel Shop.

So anyway

The man lived all his life in South Florida and is on his deathbed, and knows the end is near. His nurse, wife and a daughter and two sons are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder to be in place to record his last wishes. When all is ready, he begins to speak: "My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef Houses. My daughter, Sybil, you take the apartments between mile markers 200 and Tavernier. My son, Jamie, I want you to take the apartments over the offices in the town center. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the east side of town." The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings. As Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." The wife replies, "The jerk had a paper route."