

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

May 15: Hosting: OHS National Honor Society

May 22: Silvia, In-Bound Exchange Student

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Owatonna Foundation: Sarah McKay and Tom Dufresne

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

July 3: No Meeting

July 10: Michelle Redman, Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

July 17: Rick Heidle: Rotary LIFT program

July 24: Vanessa Jensen, Director, Junior Achievement

July 31: Scott Mohs: Riverfront Project

August 7: Scott Kozelka, 2023 Fair Preview

August 14: Kelly McIntee: Youth Oriented Leadership Organization

ROTARY OPINION

Monday, May 22, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our In-Bound Student, Silvia, from Italy will address the club.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Jackson Vogt, Jaemi Medina and Kathy Morales

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Silvia from Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM R.I. PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “Our new focus on mental health will take some time to do right, and yet it builds on something that has been a part of who we are for 118 years. We are People of Action, and behind that action is care, compassion, empathy, and inclusion. Becoming champions of mental health is not only the right and kind thing to do, it is a tool that can ‘Create Hope in the World’ , Gordon’s inspiring theme for his upcoming year as president.”

Student speakers representing the OHS Class of 1923 have been selected. They are MaKenna Hovie and Kinzie Carlson. Commencement will take place Friday night, June 2 at the OHS football field.

Here’s a job for the birds! The Blackpool Zoo in England is hiring. The help-wanted ad announces the zoo is looking for a “team of people to join our Visitor Services Team as ‘Seagull deterrents’ . Applicants lucky enuf to get the job will dress up in a large bird costume and scare away pesky seagulls, which steal food from both visitors and animals.

There will be no meeting next week, Memorial Day: ROTARIANS are reminded that there will be no Memorial Day parade. The formation of the parade has been discontinued by the VFW Club. Members of the committee have reached the age where they cannot organize the parade and only two people remain on the committee which, at times, was 20 in number. There will however, be a program, as in the past, at the Four Seasons at 11:00 a.m.

So anyway: The husband and wife were driving home. My husband was unusually quiet. I knew that he was upset. He said he wasn’t upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home I told him I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I don’t know why he didn’t say ‘I love you too’. When we got home, I felt I lost him completely, as if he wanting nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat in the den and watched TV. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later he came to bed. But I still felt he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep. I cried. I don’t know what to do.” Her husband frequently talks in his sleep. Upon falling asleep, the first words he said were, “A two-foot putt. Who the hell misses a two-foot putt?”