

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 24, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Fire Chief Mike Johnson via Zoom. Mike is retiring at the end of the month.

BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Smith: May 23, Kim Westphal, May 31

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Final day for Anna Herzog, Emma Anderson, Lily Sampson, Samuel Sampson, Abbigail Moran and Sam Schnitker.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

CANADIAN ROTARIANS AT WORK

With a flurry of brushstrokes members of the ROTARY CLUB of Nanamo, British Columbia, and helpers painted a vista of mountains, ocean, beach and woodlands onto a 100-foot stretch of wall at a center serving dementia patients. The effort required about \$800 worth of paint and other supplies paid for with funds raised through the club's twice-annual book sales.

Sam Buegler, son of ROTARIAN Todd and Lori Buegler, was named as recipient of the 2021 Veta Alexander Scholarship given by Little Theater of Owatonna. Sam is a senior at OHS and a former Student Rotarian. Sam has been involved in eleven OHS's theatrical productions over the last four years and has performed in two LTO productions. One recommendation said, "Sam is a charismatic positive leader with a fantastic work ethic sharing his many talents on stage and as a member of the pit orchestra." During his high school career, Sam has been active in five bands including marching, jazz, pop, Trinity praise and concert. He has been selected for concert choir and carolers for three years. Sam is the 151st recipient of the Veta Alexander Scholarship.

Another former Student ROTARIAN, Jenna Gleason, has been named as this year's recipient of the Ted G. Ringhofer Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. Ted was a ROTARIAN and died of cancer in 1990. The scholarship is given by TPS Insurance Agency and the Owatonna Chamber Ambassadors. Jenna will be attending Dordt University, majoring in nursing. She is planning to work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit upon graduation and then will be applying to grad school to start work toward her career goal of becoming a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.

There is no meeting next week (Memorial Day). We will begin our meetings in person at the Owatonna Country Club on June 7.

ROTARIANS are reminded that there will be no Memorial Day parade again this year. The mask mandate in the state was canceled after it was too late to organize the parade. There will, however, be a program at the Four Seasons on Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m. which will be open only for parents of the participants.

So anyway: No nursing home for us! We're checking into the Holiday Inn. With the average cost for nursing home care ever increasing, there is a better way when we get old and feeble. I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn. For a combined long-term stay discount and senior discount, it's \$59.23 a night. Breakfast is included and some have happy hours in the afternoon. That leaves over \$100 a day for lunch and dinner in any restaurant we want, or room service, laundry, gratuities and special TV movies. Plus they provide a spa, swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge and special TV movies. Most have free toothpaste and razors and all have free shampoo and soap. You are treated like a customer, not a patient. The handicapped bus will pick you up (if you fake a decent limp). To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sunday.