

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: Scot Davis, former OHS Wrestling Coach

May 31: Memorial Day...no meeting

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

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival

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

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

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Monday, May 3, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Former ROTARIAN Dave Albrecht who recently retired as President of Allina Health System of Owatonna and Faribault will speak of his career in health care and the changes he has seen.

BIRTHDAYS: Amanda Heilman, May 5,

MAY STUDENTS: Anna Herzog, Emma Anderson, Lily Sampson, Samuel Sampson and Abigail Moran

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK: “Because of the many uncertainties of the pandemic, the ROTARY Board has decided to suspend in-person exchanges through June, 2022. As we look ahead, with hope, we thank Youth Exchange officers, host families and volunteers for their contributions in years past, and we encourage districts to offer virtual exchanges as a way of connecting students around the world with each other and with our communities.”

FROM PRESIDENT CONNOR: “In case you missed my April report, the board has made the decision to continue to meet via Zoom through the month of May and to resume in-person meetings on June 7. Everyone attending live meetings will be asked to preregister by Thursday of the week prior. You will be sent an e-mail which you can use to indicate you are coming. All attendees will be required to wear masks at all times except when eating. Six people will be allowed at each table.

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL WILL GO ON, BUT CLOSED COMPETITION

The Board of Directors of the Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival have voted to hold this year's event, but the competition will be closed to the public. Marching competition will take place along Harriet Ave. on the east side of the football field. Board president Leslea Partridge said, “We regret that we have to close the competition to onlookers, but our main concern s to keep the students safe while still giving them an opportunity to perform in a judged event. The Festival Committee is still seeking Patrons and sponsors for this year's Festival and encourage all who are interested to go to our Festival website at www.owatonnabandfestival.com. The competition will be livestreamed on Owatonna Live.Com.

So anyway: After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb. “Excuse me, your Holiness,” says the driver, “Would you please take your seat so we can leave?” “Well, to tell you the truth,” says the Pope, “they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today” “I'm sorry, your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?” protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning. “Who's going to tell?” says the Pope with a smile. Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 80 mph. “Please slow down, your Holiness!” pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle and gets on the radio. “I need to talk to the Chief,” he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 80 mph. “So, bust him,” says the Chief “I don't' think we want to do that, he's really important,” says the cop. The Chief exclaimed, “All the more reason!” “No, I mean really important” says the cop. The Chief then asked, Who do you have there, the Mayor?” Cop: “Bigger”. Chief: “A senator?” Cop: “Bigger”. Chief: The Prime Minister?” Cop: “Bigger”. ‘Well, said the Chief, “who is it?” Cop: “I think it's God!” Chief, even more curious, “What makes you think it's God?” Cop: “His chauffeur is the Pope!”

