

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

April 8: Update on We All Play
April 15: Mac Hamilton, Developer
April 22: Carol Belmore: Middle School “REACH program
April 29: Former Senator Dave Durenberger
May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates
May 13: National Honor Society Students for Hope
May 27: Memorial Day, no meeting
June 3: Farewell from Iringo
June 10: Preview: Wenger Band F
May 20: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...District Fast estival
June 17: Claire LaCanne, Master Gardener: Pollinator Week
June 24: Chuck Driessen: History of Culligan and Culligan Ultrapure
July 1: Chuck Long, former U of Iowa Quarterback
July 8: Erica Paley: RYE to Taiwan
July 15: Sue Schroeder: Children’s Remedial Fund
July 22: Open
July 29: “Nuga” Atewologun, President, Riverland
August 5: Preview: SCFF: Scott Kozelka
August 12: Open

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Monday, May 6, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear reports from students who attended Camp RYLA and also recognize students who participated in the STRIVE program.

BIRTHDAYS: Amanda Heilman, May 5

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR MAY: Welcome to Gabriel Rysavy, Jacob Pfeifer, Matthew Bueltel and Elena Dant.

INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

From RI President Barry Rassin

“May is Youth Service Month on the ROTARY calendar. ROTARY’S programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people, as sponsors, project partners and mentors, it brings out the best in ROTARY. This month, let’s *Be the Inspiration* to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It’s an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we’re gone. And it’s work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.”

The ROTARY Shredding Project will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00-1:00 p.m. The shredding truck will be parked behind the Retrofit building. All donations for the shredding service will go to the We All Play project.

Tonight is another work night at the Owatonna High School museum. If you can help, the work begins at 6:30 p.m. Use the south doors by the tennis courts.

News from Australia: The ROTARY Club of Beaudesert planted 100 eucalyptus trees in a nature preserve to provide nourishment and cover for koalas. The animals are “seriously diminishing in numbers locally, mostly due to encroaching urban development and lost of habitat” caused by drought and wildfires. Club President Leo Turton said, “We have a chance to make a real difference to the future of koalas.”

Here’s a weekly tip for ROTARIANS: Don’t waste money on premium gasoline in an engine that only requires regular. Only 18% of new cars sold in the U.S. need premium gas and according to Norman Mayersohn in the New York Times, there is no advantage in performance, fuel economy or emissions control for the other 82% to use high octane”. Yet, AAA estimates that drivers waste more an \$2 billion a year buying more octane that their vehicles require. Most engines can be kept under control with an octane rating lower than 91 and they gain no added benefit from premium.

So anyway: Yesterday, I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet. I was in the checkout line a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. So, because I’m retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn’t have a dog I was starting the Purina diet again. I added that I probably shouldn’t as I wound up in the hospital last time but that I’d lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV’s in both arms. I told her it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way it works is to load your jacket pockets with Purina nuggets and eat one or two ever time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (Now I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the dog food poisoned me, I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard. Costco won’t let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.