



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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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April 23: Mark Blando, Director, Public Library

April 30: April Paxton: Family Services Coordinator: Michaelson Funeral Home “The Grief Recovery Method”

May 7: Camp RYLA report and STRIVE grad recognition

May 14: OHS National Honor Society

May 21: Nado Farewell

May 28: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 4: Bob Showers,. “Minn. Twins at the old Met Stadium”

June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival, Amy Swain, Audiologist

June 18: Jeffrey Jackson, Managing Editor, Owatonna People’s Press

June 25: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...”Fast for Hope”

July 2: Open

July 9: Steele County Works (Workforce Initiative)

July 16: Update: Owatonna Clinic

July 23: Drawing: We All Play raffle

July 30: Open

August 6: Preview: Steele County Free Fair: Scott Kozelka

August 13: Open

August 20: Open

August 27: Open

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Open

September 17: Open

September 24: Open

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Monday, May 7, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will recognize the students who participated in the STRIVE program, plus hear reports from students that attended Camp RYLA: Erin Holzerland, Elise Sande and Liam Miller

BIRTHDAYS: None

MAY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Ally Lenz, Zach Mensink, Marie Otterson and Lexi Falken

IN-BOUND STUDENT ROTARIAN: Nado, Indonesia

ROTARY NOTES

From RI President Ian H.S. Risely: "Together, we in ROTARY see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Wherever we live, whatever language we speak, whatever work our clubs are involved in, our vision is the same. We are here because ROTARY gives us the opportunity to build the world we want to see...to unite and take action through ROTARY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE."

AROUND TOWN

The Owatonna High School prom will be held this Saturday night at the Four Seasons Centre. The theme this year is "Old Hollywood". If you want to take in the Grand March, doors will open at 5:30 and cost is \$5.00 admission.

Next week we will host the members of the OHS National Honor Society. Jeff Fetters, President and CEO of Federated Insurance will be the guest speaker.

"Lavaburgers" now occupies the restaurant across from the fairgrounds ball diamonds on 18th St. You can cook your own burgers or have them cooked for you. Chicken and turkey burgers will also be available. Delicious shakes are also available.

The date for the annual shredding event sponsored by our club is June 2. Free will donations will go to the STRIVE program.

A BIT OF TRIVIA FOR ROTARIANS

*It can take up to 20 years for a plastic shopping bag to disintegrate in the outdoors.

*The minister who wrote "Amazing Grace" had once been a slave-ship captain

*In the original rules of baseball, the first team to score 21 runs won the game, but only as long as there were an equal number of innings.

So anyway: An elderly man in Louisiana owned a large farm. He had a large pond in the back, properly shaped for swimming. So, he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond to look it over. Before he went, he grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond he heard voices shouting and laughing. As he got closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted, "We're not coming out till you leave!" The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked." Holding the bucket up, he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator!"

SOME OLD MEN CAN STILL THINK FAST.