

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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

November 4: Presentation of Vern White Award to Les Abraham

November 11: Owatonna AA...Sylvia

November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Wareheim/Camp Enterprise Students

November 25: Shane Sattler: An adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students

December 2: OHS Robotics Team

December 9: Reyk, (Exchange Student from Germany) and an update on We All Play fundraiser

December 16: Club Assembly

December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie

December 30: NO MEETING

January 6: Stevie Ray, Stevie Ray's Improv: "Building and Maintaining Relationships with Your Clients"

January 13: Pat Heydon, Advanced Care Coordinator, Allina: "Advanced Care Planning.

January 20: Chamber of Commerce Annual Report: Brad Meier

January 27: Open

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Monday, November 11, 2019

THIS WEEK: Today we will hear about the Alcoholics Anonymous program from AA representatives Sylvia, Rick and Bonnie.

BIRTHDAYS: Barry Gillespie, Nov. 10, Dave Effertz, Nov. 14, Traci Schimek, Nov. 15.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Anna Vetsch, Brynn Butler, Emma Loveless and Kaitlyn Madole

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Reyk from Germany

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

We are just over \$6,000 short of reaching the club's goal of \$50,000 pledge toward the We All Play project in Owatonna. If you have not yet contributed and can help toward reaching our goal, please make a check out to "We All Play" project and get to treasurer Jim Brunner.

If any ROTARIANS wish to donate a turkey for the Thanksgiving Day community dinner, you should bring them to the VFW Club by next week so they can be thawed and ready for roasting.

Today is Veteran's Day. Just for ROTARIANS, here are some interesting facts. This is your ringside seat to WWII history:

*The youngest U.S. serviceman was 12-years-old. He was Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a dishonorable discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by Congress.

*At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top U.S. Navy Command was called CINCUS ('sink us'). The shoulder patch of the U.S. Army's 45th Infantry division was the swastika. Hitler's private train was named "Amerika". All three were soon changed for PR purposes.

*More U.S. Servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, an airman's chance of being killed was 71%.

*German ME-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they decided it wasn't worth the effort.

*German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet!

*Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 U.S. and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands. Twenty-one troops were killed in the assault. It could have been worse if there had actually been any Japanese on the island!

*When Allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill, (who made a big show of it) and General Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).

*Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese air ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

FAMOUS INVENTIONS: The toilet seat was invented in Minnesota, but 20 years later a Norwegian invented the hole in it.

OUTHOUSE PROBLEMS: When Ole accidentally lost 50 cents in the outhouse, he immediately threw in his watch and billfold. He explained, "I'm not going down dere yust for 50 cents!"