

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

October 22: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff
October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board/City Council
November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award
November 12: Iringo, In-Bound Exchange Student
November 19: Kerry Hjelmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices
November 26: Rotary Foundation Presentation plus report from Camp Enterprise students
December 3: Mike Becker, Dist. Gov.
December 10: Judge Luening: Veteran's Court
December 17: Holiday cheer and songs: Jeff Elstad, Kim Schaufenbuel and Kim Cosens
December 24: No meeting
December 31: No meeting
January 7: Maddy Lykken: "New Generation Exchange"
January 14: Laura Beasley, Dean of Nursing, Riverland College: New Medical Assistant program in Owatonna
January 21: Iringo: "This is Romania"
January 28: Mac Hamilton, Developer
February 4: Al Zdrzil: "Fight Against Human Trafficking"
February 11: Open
February 18: Open
February 25: Open
March: All Mondays open
April: All Monday's open

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Monday, November 12, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Iringo, our in-bound exchange student from Romania will present a program.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER: We didn't get to acknowledge birthdays during our October meetings, so here's a listing of those that celebrated birthdays in October: Mark Randall, Dennis VonRuden, Michael Wells, Mary Kay Feltes, Dave Albrecht, Tanya Paley, Dave Klawiter and Mark Fritsch.

BIRTHDAYS FOR LAST WEEK: John Connor, Nov. 4, Brad Vettrus, Dave Ramsey, Nov. 5, Kim Schaufenbuel, Nov. 6, Sabra Otteson, Nov. 9, Barry Gillespie, Nov. 10

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: Dave Effertz, Nov. 14, Traci Schimek, Nov. 15

NOVEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS : Michael Bangs, Nathan Buegler, Blaine "Zander" Johnson, Zach Barrett and Allison An

EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

ROTARIAN Mike Jensen is among those in the cast for the winter musical at Little Theatre of Owatonna. The show is "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Mike tells me its been 25 years since he first appeared on stage for LTO. The first appearance was "Singin' in the Rain" directed by Katie Smith.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Sharon West who was recently awarded the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) 2018 Worker of the Year award for registration at the National Runoffs held at Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, California. This award recognizes dedication throughout the season to their specialty who has exhibited strong skills, and provides excellent customer service to everyone encountered. Sharon has been an SCCA member for over 35 years and started working registration in 2008. She worked her way to a national license in 2012 and has since served as Chief for many events in the Central Division. Sharon's late husband, Harvey, raced SCCA events for 30 years before he passed away in 2007.

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. Here is some trivia and WWII facts:

*The youngest U.S. Serviceman was 12 years old. 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 the attack on Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy Command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'). The shoulder patch of the Army's 454 Infantry Division was the swastika. Hitler's private train was named the 'Amerika'. All three were soon changed for PR purposes.

*More US 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%.

"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.

*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!

Finally: Minnesota gets its name from the Sioux Indian word "mah-nee-soo-tah," meaning "No really...they eat fish soaked in lye (lutefisk).