



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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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 16: Patrick Mader, author of “Minnesota Gold”

October 23: Minnesota Regional Railroads Assn.

October 30: Dr. Tyler Destere, Fountain Center Medical Director

November 6: Vern White Award to Carol Zetah

November 13: Rotary Foundation Month

November 20:

November 27: Bob Randall, Modern Workforce

December 4: Farewell from Jeff, In-Bound Exchange Student

December 11: Bremer Foundation

December 18: Christmas Music by “Credit Report”:...Rotarians Dave Williams and Ryan Gillespie

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS...no meeting

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!...no meeting

January 8: Pete Connor: Hospitality House

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Darci Stanford: Owatonna Brain Training Center

January 29: Todd Mueller: Author: Town Ball Parks

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Monday, November 6, 2017

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THIS WEEK: The annual awarding of the Paul Harris/Vern White Award

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Ramsey, Nov. 5, Kim Schaufenbuel, Nov. 6, Sabra Otteson, Nov. 9, Barry Gillespie, Nov. 10.

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR NOVEMBER: Welcome to Eric DuFrene, Hannah Gebur, Macy Voss, Olivia Ahlberg.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa, Nado, Indonesia

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Today we present the Paul Harris/Vern White award to Carol Zetah. This award recognizes a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the ROTARY motto "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics which represent the values of ROTARY's "Four Way Test". Over the years, Carol has chosen to get involved with organizations that involve people with unfortunate situations. Through her care, kindness, hope, positive conversations, networking skills and affirmations, she has invited the less fortunate to find ways to cope, improve, change for the better and feel proud of their accomplishments. She has made a difference!

Carol co-founded the Contact Crisis Hotline in 1980 and served as a listener with this organization for 30 years. She has volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters since 2000 and was recognized as a National Big Sister in 2004. She has served as a board member and president of several organizations including the AAUW, Steele County Communities for Lifetime, Steele County Transitional Housing, Habitat for Humanity, Woman's Club of Owatonna, the Associated Church and Senior Center.

November is "Foundation Month" on the ROTARY calendar. In many ways, the ROTARY FOUNDATION is an invisible presence in our clubs. Most of what we do in our clubs and our districts, on a weekly basis, we do without the active involvement of the FOUNDATION. But our FOUNDATION is invisible in our clubs in the same way the foundation of a building is invisible when you're in it: Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it's not holding you up.

To put it simply, a dollar given to the ROTARY FOUNDATION has a great deal more muscle than a dollar given to most charities. If you want to spend a dollar on Doing Good in the World, you can't do better than to spend it with the Foundation.

There were five parking tickets piled up on the windshield of a car in Fort Lauderdale before it was discovered that the driver was still inside...dead! The 62-year-old man had passed away from natural causes at least three days before being discovered. A bit of good news: The city dismissed the \$160 in parking fines "due to extenuating circumstances".

Jim Gleason, Manager of the Steele County Free Fair is in Rochester undergoing therapy after brain surgery. A large tumor in his brain was 90% removed recently.

Les Abraham, former City Councilman, suffered a stroke week and a half ago. He is in Rochester undergoing therapy.

More ways to know you're a redneck: 1. You go to the stock car races and don't need a program; 2. You have a rag for a gas cap; 3. You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it; 4. Your lifetime goal is to own a firework's stand.