

Rotary O-Pinion

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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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THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROTARY IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PROGRAMS

September 13: Tim Penny, former Congressman and Pres. of Southern Minn. Initiative Fund

September 20: United Way Kickoff: Annette Duncan

September 27: Karen Pehrson, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

October 4: Steele County Works Program: Brad Meier and Anisha Zak, Coordinator

October 11: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

October 18: Larry Kriesel, coach, OHS Fishing Team

October 25: Preview: Our club 100th Anniversary: Lois Nelson

November 1: Clare Lillis, Human Trafficking Co-Chair

November 8: Vern White Award

November 15: Rotary Foundation

November 22: Scott Pierce, advisor, DECA at OHS.

November 29: Open

December 6: The Moving of Jerry's Mural

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Monday, October 11, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Fellow ROTARIAN Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Owatonna Public Schools will update us on several issues regarding our schools.

BIRTHDAYS: Sorry, none

OCTOBER STUDENT ROTARIANS: Scott Weckman, Kayla Klinkenberg, Evan Parker and Emma Wolff

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR! Help the ROTARY FOUNDATION fight disease. Your donation supports ROTARY members around the world combating diseases like COVID-19, MALARIA, aids, DIABETES AND POLIO. Your gift can also help prevent disease through health education and routine medical care. Give today: rotary.org/donate

Our speaker, Jeff Elstad, will probably comment on the Owatonna High School Citizens' Task Force that is being convened to examine the future of the existing Owatonna High School facility, which will no longer be used for 9-12 instruction when the new high school opens in 2023. Anyone interested in serving on the Task Force is asked to complete an application that can be found on the school district website: www.isd761.org. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. CST this Friday, October 15 to be considered. It is the intent of the District to assemble a Task Force of 20-30 members to represent a broad cross-section of the community, and those who served on the 2019 Task Force are welcome to apply. The Task Forcer will meet approximately six times November through January. Applicants must be residents of the District, and attendance at all meetings is critical. Those selected for the Task Force will be notified by October 25.

Condolences

Our condolences to ROTARIAN Lois Nelson on the death of her mother, Luella Heim, who passed away two days before her 100th birthday.

Question: Who ran Owatonna's only service station without an indoor garage? Car servicing such as oil changes took place year 'round at an outdoor pit.

Answer: Joe's National Oil was located on West Vine next to the Arnold Hotel. It was run by Joe Leverty, the father of Kathy Muellerleile, wife of ROTARIAN John Muellerleile. There was a small "shack" that served as the indoor office area. It was the place to go to learn the latest news and rumors around town.

Some Minnesota Facts

*The state song of Minnesota is "Someday the Vikings will.....Aw never mind!"

*The Mall of America covers 9.5 million square feet and has enough space to hold 185,000 teens yapping away on cell phones.

A tip: Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just finished the whole house and realized the vacuum wasn't plugged in!

So anyway

A husband and wife were shopping in their local Walmart. The husband picks up a case of Miller Lite and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10.00 for 24 cans." he replies. "Put them back, it's a waste of money," demands the wife. So, he does and they continue shopping. A few aisles further the woman picks up a \$20.00 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. The husband retorts, "So does 24 cans of Miller Lite and its half the price!" On the store PA system: "Husband down, aisle 7".