

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

August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative

August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative

September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts

September 24: Steele County United Way

October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

October 8: Meet the Candidates: State

October 15: Meet the Candidates: County

October 22: Meet the Candidates: City

October 29: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff

November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Rotary Foundation

December 3: Mike Becker, Dist. Gov.

December 10: Judge Luening: Veteran's Court

December 17: Holiday cheer and songs: Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 24: No meeting

January 7: Maddy Lykken: "New Generation Exchange

January 14: Laura Beasley, Dean of Nursing, Riverland College: New Medical Assistant program in Owatonna

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Monday, October 1, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The first of our "Meet the Candidates" forums, sponsored by our club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Owatonna People's Press. This week we will hear from First District Congressional candidates Jim Hagedorn and Dan Freehan.

BIRTHDAYS: Mark Randall, Oct. 4, Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Our student ROTARIANS for October will not be joining us this month due to the earlier start of our lunch (11:30). They will be re-scheduled.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Iringo, Romania

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Keith Hiller reminds members that the Owatonna Police Department will be hosting another Citizen's Police Academy beginning October 29 and running through December 17. Participants will meet Monday evenings for eight consecutive weeks from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The academy is designed to give Owatonna residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with police department members and its day to day operation. Applications for this class will be accepted through October 22. Contact Pam Roberts at 774-7200.

ROTARIANS are invited by the Steele County Historical Society to take an escorted James J. Hill house tour and visit the Minnesota Historical Society on Thursday, October 25. The bus departs from the History Center at 8:15 a.m. Tickets are available at the History Center.

OCTOBER 24 IS WORLD POLIO DAY! BE THE INSPIRATION FOR A POLIO FREE WORLD! The ROTARY FOUNDATION awarded nearly \$700 million in PolioPlus grants from 2010 to 2017. Vaccines are largely covered by other donors, so ROTARY provides funds to cover the gaps. In 30 years we've gone from 125 polio-endemic countries to three in 2018! 17.4 million people who are currently healthy would have been paralyzed by polio without our eradication efforts.

This week is Fire Prevention Week. The Owatonna Fire Department invites you to their annual Chili Feed this coming Sunday, October 7 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Owatonna Fire Hall. Advance tickets at \$6.00 are available at the fire hall and at Kottke Jewelers. Tickets at the door are \$8.00.

Welcome to any guests today who have come to hear the program. If you are interested in joining ROTARY, contact any officer or board member of the club. We meet each Monday noon at the Owatonna Country Club.

CAPTURE THE MOMENT IN HAMBURG, GERMANY. RI 2019 CONVENTION, JUNE 1-5.

So anyway: Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "Surely, I can't look that old. Well, you'll love this one:

My name is Alice and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes, yes I did. I'm a Mustang," he gleamed with pride. "When did you graduate?" He answered, in 1966. Why do you ask?" "You were in my class!" I said. He looked at me closely, then that ugly, old bald wrinkled faced fat-assed gray haired decrepit S.O.B. asked, "What did you teach"?