

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

September 23: Richard DeBeau and Alan Anderson: Climate Change and Rotary Action Team
September 30: Visit from District Governor Paul Perez
October 7: Fire Chief Mike Johnson...Fire Prevention Week and demo of newest fire engine
October 14: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools: Upcoming election
October 21: Al Smith Pencil Drawings
October 28: Matt Hughes: Young Professionals
November 4: Presentation of Vern White Award
November 11: Owatonna AA...Sylvia
November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Warehime /Report from students attending Camp Enterprise
November 25: Shane Sattler: An adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students
December 2: OHS Robotics Team
December 9: Ryk, (Exchange Student from Germany) and an update on We All Play fundraiser
December 16: Chamber of Commerce annual report (Rotarian Brad Meier)
December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie
December 30: NO MEETING

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Monday, October 21, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK : A presentation by Owatonna's Al Smith and his pencil drawings

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Klawiter, Oct. 24, Doug Voss, Oct. 26

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Ryan Krumholz, Nicole Skalicky, Julia Holt, Mackenzie Haberman

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Ryk, Germany

NEWS FOR ROTARIANS

This Thursday, October 24, is **World Polio Day**. ROTARY has been at the forefront of polio eradication since 1985, helping to immunize more than 2.5 billion children and reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent. Our work fighting the disease won't stop until polio is gone for good. You can help the effort by going to rotary.org/donate.

Education fuels innovation and progress. That's why ROTARY members encourage lifelong learning by exchanging ideas and inspiring generations of problem solvers. Learning together to explore what's possible...that's what people of action do. ROTARY is People of Action.

Les Abraham of Owatonna has been named as this year's Vern White Award recipient. He will be honored at our meeting on Nov. 4th.

How Now, Cow? Dairy scientists in Connecticut have begun using a robotic system that allows cows to decide for themselves when they want to be milked. When a cow is good and ready, she walks into the milking stall. A robotic arm attaches a cup to her teat and begins milking. Sound weird? Maybe. But there's another advantage: Old fashioned milking procedures can take three to five hours a day to get the job done. The robots do it in less than an hour.

Do you have lots of doo dads hanging on your key chain? Take them off! The weight can wear on your ignition (assuming you still have a car with a key ignition) and cause it to stall. In fact, millions of General Motors cars were recalled for this problem, and that was the first advice owners received.

This week's recycling hint: Crayons: You can send broken and stubby crayons that the kids or grandkids have used to the National Crayon Recycle Program, where they will be melted down into new ones. Leave the wrappers on, if possible, otherwise it's hard to tell black from blue from purple. Learn more at crazycrayons.com.

October is the month for apples. If you are using apples in a bowl on a table, they might look as pretty as a painting, but if you want them to last, store them in the fridge, as lower temperatures slow the ripening process. Farmers can keep their fruit in plain old cold storage for a month or two; most apple varieties won't keep much longer than that.

Do you use hot water in your disposal at home? The hot water in your sink can reach 120 degrees F, which can melt food and turn it into a thick paste that will clog the disposal. When rinsing the food off your plates, and running the disposal, always use cold water. Then when it's time to wash your dishes, switch the water to hot.

So anyway: A husband and wife who own a circus walk into an adoption agency looking to adopt a child. "Are you sure the circus is the best place for a child?" asks the social worker. "I mean, all those dangerous animals, the constant traveling...." "The animals are trained," says the wife. "And we have a state of the art 54-foot motor home equipped with a large nursery." "How will you educate your child?" "We've arranged for a full-time tutor to teach all the regular subjects," explains the husband. "And the nanny is certified in pediatric care, child welfare and nutrition", the wife adds. The social worker is impressed. "You do seem perfect. What age were you looking to adopt?" The husband says, "It doesn't really matter, as long as he/she fits in the cannon."