

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 Wareheim
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: Open
December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie
December 30: NO MEETING

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Monday, October 7, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This is Fire Prevention Week. Today we will hear from Fire Chief Mike Johnson. Mike will also have Owatonna's latest fire truck on display in the parking lot.

BIRTHDAYS: Michael Wells, Oct. 10, Mary Kay Feltes, Oct. 12

OCTOBER STUDENT ROTARIANS: A welcome to Mackensie Haberman, Ryan Krumholz, Nicole Skalicky and Julia Holt

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Ryk from Germany

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A message from RI President Mark Maloney: "ROTARY'S long-term sustained battle against polio has defined our organization for decades. We have a right to be proud of all that we have accomplished through the years. Our progress is real and noteworthy. In 1988 polio was epidemic in 125 countries with more than 350,000 new cases a year worldwide. Since then, ROTARY and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99.9 percent, vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children against the virus, and prevented 18 million cases of paralysis. Over the years, ROTARY has helped country after country move into the polio-free column. This includes India, which some considered impossible not long ago. Of the three types of poliovirus, type 2 has been eradicated and type 3 could soon be certified as eradicated. Nigeria has not reported a case of wild poliovirus in nearly three years. If this trend holds, we will be down to just one type of wild poliovirus in only one section of the world, Afghanistan and Pakistan. OCTOBER 24 IS WORLD POLIO DAY!"

Want to sing? A new adult chorale is being formed soon in Owatonna under the direction of Garrick Comeau, who is the music director at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. All singers interested in participating in the Owatonna Chorale are encouraged to contact Comeaux and arrange an informal audition. Good sight reading is a must. Please make contact by October 11 at 612-741-2524 or by email at garrickcoomeaux@msn.com.

Did you know: The Sterling Drug Gift Store is moving to the 300 block of Cedar Ave. next to Nick's Pizza. The drug store will remain at the same location, sharing space with the new KWIK TRIP.

Here's this week's recycling tip for ROTARIANS: You should never throw compact Fluorescent bulbs into the trash. Broken bulbs contain potentially toxic levels of mercury, which can seep into the ground and contaminate the water supply. When these bulbs burn out you can recycle them in Owatonna at Lowes and local hardware stores.

This week is Owatonna Foundation Week which celebrates all that has been accomplished in the past 61 years through the generosity of the Owatonna community and their support. Events being held this week is a "Breakfast for Professionals" at the Owatonna Arts Center tomorrow, the "Legacy Luncheon" to honor those donors who have included the Foundation as part of their estate plan. At this luncheon, twins Jean and Edith (Dede) Zamboni will be presented the "Spirit of Community Award". Thursday a Beer and Wine Tasting Event will be held at the Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. At Friday night's Homecoming Game, cheerleaders will be tossing out t-shirts at half-time of the game.

On a wintry day, my 90-year-old father was in the supermarket trying to pay for his groceries. Bundled up against the cold, his gloved hands were having trouble retrieving and counting the change. The transaction evidently took too long for the man behind him in line, who muttered a curse. Dad stopped counting, turned around and warned "Be quiet or I'll write a check."