

Rotary O-Pinion

IMAGINE ROTARY

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

- August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
- September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
- September 12: Patrick Longono IMPACT
- September 19: Jeff Mundale, Owatonna Police Chief
- September 26: ROTARY...100 Years Old
- October 3: Meet the Candidates: School Board (Meeting to run 11:30-1:30 due to large number of candidates)
- October 10: Meet the Candidates: City Council (Lunch at 11:30)
- October 17: Meet the Candidates: Congressional (Lunch at 11:30)
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative (Lunch at 11:30)
- October 31: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff (Lunch at 11:30)
- November 7: Steele County United Way, Tom Worhach
- November 14: Vern White Award luncheon (meeting starts at 11:30)
- November 21: Jenny Gollhofer, Owatonna Postmaster
- November 28: Club celebration/100 years plus Foundation windup
- December 5: Kory Kath, OHS Principal: "Preparing for the Move"
- December 12: Open
- December 19: Open
- December 26: No meeting
- January 2: No meeting

ROTARY NOTES

Monday, September 12, 2022

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THIS WEEK, SEPT: Patrick Longono who will talk about PROJECT IMPACT and how it can affect our club. This will be a video presentation. President Ann will preview what we are going to see.

BIRTHDAYS: Lon Thiele, Sept. 9, Steve Arnold, Sept. 12, Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Mike Gandrud and Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18.

STUDENTS FOR SEPT: Welcome to Jonny Clubb, Charlie Tucker, Blake Burmeister and Bella Barrie

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where met wonderful ROTARIANS who officially adopted me as ‘Tia Jennifer’. On the third day, after visiting Patzun, we set out for Lake Atitland, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road, we could get there faster. Locals told us it had been repaved and assured us, ‘You’ll have no problems.’

At first it was a breeze. We wound through misty green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But, at a river crossing we found a bridge that had been washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in ROTARY. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. Two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our ROTARY family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective *Imagine Rotary* year.”

Nominations for the Vern White Award are being taken now. Forms are available on the sign-in desk...please get those in ASAP. The award will be presented Nov. 14.

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

The Board of Directors have approved a fund-raising project proposed by President Ann Miller. “The Magic of ROTARY” is set for Friday, October 28, at the Country Club. The night will feature a performance by a well-known magician and a dinner. Mark the date on your calendar and wait for more information from President Ann.

Question: Is it really necessary for the first square of toilet paper to be glued down?

A NOTE FROM A SEATTLE ROTARIAN

“I was very encouraged by and appreciative of the actions taken by ROTARY clubs in and near Minneapolis in the aftermath of the riots following the murder of George Floyd. Having lived and worked in Minneapolis for many years, I was inspired that clubs not only stepped up to help businesses on Lake St. reopen and survive but also created spaces where people felt safe to begin to explore the history of racial injustice. There isn’t one simple solution. I hope ROTARIANS continue to learn about the past and present injustices and help create, with all voices heard, a better future.”

Finally: Ole walks into work and both of his ears are all bandaged up. The boss says, “What happened to your ears?” Ole says, “Yesterday, I was ironing a shirt ven da phone rang and I accidentally answered da iron.” The boss says, “Well, that explains one ear, but what happened to your other ear?” Ole says, “I tried to call da doctor.”

I don’t know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division, and tell time on clocks with hands, so there’s that!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!