

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: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 15: Rotary Foundation presentation

November 22: Open

November 29: Open

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Monday, September 13, 2021

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THIS WEEK: Annette Duncan of the Steele County United Way will be guest to talk about this year's campaign.

BIRTHDAYS: Steve Arnold, Sept. 12, Jim Brunner (90 on Sept. 17), Mike Gandrud and Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Julia Christenson, Alyssa McGinn, Fardouza Farah, and Elizabeth Granowski.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A Message from RI President Shekhar Mehta: September is Basic Education and Literacy month in ROTARY. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates. Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world's adult population...762 million people lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime."

November is ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH. For the past six Novembers, prior to 2020, we have chosen a non-ROTARIAN member in the community who has exemplified Service Above Self and demonstrated the ideals of the ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST.

This award's namesake, Vern White, built goodwill and friendships throughout our community and was passionate about benefiting to all concerned.

Your club's Foundation Committee (Dick Slieter, Ray Stawarz and Glen Meger) are preparing to present that award again this November 8 to a community member who has put Service Above Self.

We need your help. We are seeking nominations for this year's award. If you have someone in mind, Dick Slieter will have the nomination forms at the meeting. Please submit nominations by Sept. 20. Here is a listing of past winners: 2009: Vern White; 2014: Sister Franchon Pirkl; 2015: David Olson; 2016: Arlan Burmeister; 2017: Carol Zetah; 2018: Jerry Ganfield; 2019: Les Abraham.

Question

Q: If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A: One thousand

Did you know?

We throw away enough ribbon each year to tie a bow around the entire Earth.

TAKE ACTION...ERADICATE A DISEASE FOREVER. WORLD POLIO DAY IS OCTOBER 24, 2021.
WWW.ENDPOLIO.ORG/WORLD-POLIO-DAY

ROTARY members are creating community-driven, sustainable projects to improve access to quality education around the world. Your gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND supports these projects to inspire learning at all ages. Give today: rotary.org/donate.

This is hysterical. You have to try this. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. There's nothing you can do about it and I know you're going to try it again!

So anyway: Doctor to patient: "High sodium, high cholesterol, lots of toxins. Your blood test is remarkably similar to a potato chip."