

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: Awarding of the Paul Harris Award

November 15: ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAM

November 22: Open

November 29: Open

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Monday, September 20, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Annette Duncan, Director of Steele County United Way who will talk about the upcoming campaign.

BIRTHDAYS: Mathew Hughes, Sept. 20

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

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

September is Basic Education and Literacy month on the ROTARY calendar. In India, the TEACH program, a successful collaboration between the country's ROTARY Clubs and its government, has demonstrated how to scale up literacy efforts to reach millions of children. At a time when schools across India were closed due to the pandemic, the program's e-learning component reached more than 100 million children through national television. Literacy is the first step out of poverty.

Our club will be awarding the Paul Harris/Vern White Award on Nov. 8 to a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto, "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the 4-Way Test. Submission forms are available from ROTARIAN Dick Slieter at the entry table. September 20 is the deadline date to submit potential names for the award.

Ryan Gillespie will be the emcee for the program and we will have two special guests, our District Governor Kenny Klooster and his wife.

Here are the past recipients of the Vern White award: Vern White, 2009, Sister Franchon Pirkl, 2014, David Olson, 2015, Arlan Burmeister, 2016, Carol Zetah, 2017, Jerry Ganfield, 2018 and Les Abraham, 2019.

Did you know?

*What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? A. They were all invented by women.

*What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A: Honey

*In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence, the phrase, 'Goodnight, sleep tight'

*Rabbits can see behind them without moving their heads.

*A Chihuahua and a dachshund mix is a "chiweenie"

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

ROTARY members are creating community-driven, sustainable projects to improve access to quality education around the world. Your gift to the RI's Annual Fund supports these projects to inspire learning at all ages.

So anyway: Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal PSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst thru the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police, gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all. "Honey, I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." There was a period of silence, then I heard his voice. He barked, "I dropped you off!" Now, it was my time to be silent Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will as soon as I convince this cop I have not stolen your car!" Yep, it's the golden years!