

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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

August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative

August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative

September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts

September 24: Steele County United Way

October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

October 8: Meet the Candidates: State

October 15: Meet the Candidates: County

October 22: Meet the Candidates: City

October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board

November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Rotary Foundation

December 3: Mike Becker, Dist. Gov.

December 10: Judge Luening: Veteran's Court

December 17: Holiday cheer and songs: Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 24: No meeting

December 31: No meeting

January 7: Maddy Lykken: "New Generation Exchange

January 14: Laura Beasley, Dean of Nursing, Riverland College: New Medical Assistant program in Owatonna

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Monday, September 24, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A presentation by the Steele County United Way.

BIRTHDAYS: Kim Cosens, Sept. 28, Stephanie Olson, Sept. 29

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Payton Jorgenson, Melia Olsen, Jessica Pieper and Joseph Edel. Student ROTARIANS for next Month will be Allison An, Sydney Kretlow, Emma Maher and Lily Redman.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Thanks to ROTARIANS Kim Cosens, our piano player, and John Muellerleile for leading us in song. Very few clubs have such talents among their membership. It makes our club special and impressive to visitors.

Next week we begin the "Meet the Candidates" forums. Check the program schedule in the O'Pinion which informs you on what political office will be featured each week. Just so you know, the committee decided not to feature school board members because there are no races and all candidates are incumbents.

Can you believe it? America's teenagers now say they prefer texting to talking to friends in person. In a survey, 35 percent chose texting as their favorite form of interaction vs. just 32 percent for in-person conversations. Roughly 89 percent of teens now have their own smartphone, up from 41 percent in 2012. The majority of those surveyed also acknowledge that apps regularly wake them up at night and distract them from homework.

The average monthly cost for U.S. childcare now sits at \$1385...inching closer to the country's median monthly rent of about \$1500. According to the survey, in-home care runs to an average of \$28,354 annually, and day-center child care costs are on average of \$9,589.

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked her what she would like for her birthday. "I'd like to be eight again, she replied. On the morning of her birthday, he arose early, made here a big bowl of Cocoa Pops and then took her to a theme park. What a day...he put her on every ride in the park! Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach was upside down. Then he took her to McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, soda pop and her favorite candy, M & M's. Finally they wobbled home and she collapsed into bed. He leaned over his wife and lovingly asked,"Well, dear, what was it like being eight again"? Her eyes slowly opened and she said, "I meant my dress size you moron!!" Story moral: Even when a man is listening he's gonna get it wrong!

Oct. Greeters: Kim Nelson, Diane Holland and Loren Olson. Oct. Invocations: Lois Nelson