

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 Yrs: Former Owatonna Police Chief Keith Hiller
- 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
- October 17: Meet the Candidates: Congressional
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative
- October 31: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff
- 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: Scott Golberg, County Coordinator
- December 19: Open
- December 26: No meeting
- January 2: No meeting

ROTARY NOTES

Monday, September 26, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Former Rotarian and President of our club, Keith Hiller, now retired from a career in police work and as chief of our police department.

BIRTHDAYS: Kim Cosens, Sept. 28

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Jonny Clubb, Charlie Tucker, Blake Burmeister and Bella Barrie

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

As noted on the program schedule, all of October programs will be “Meet the Candidates” beginning with next week School Board candidates. Because of the number of candidates, lunch will be served promptly at 11:30 followed by the program. Refer to the program listing for which days certain candidates will appear.

EMPOWER THROUGH EDUCATION

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. To give, go to rotary.org/donate.

Thanks to Kim Cosens and his musical talents for leading us in song each week. Thanks to Katie Kreutter for providing bus service for our students of the month. Thanks to Mike Jensen for the weekly printing of the O’Pinion and for distribution at our meetings.

Former ROTARIAN Dr. John Muellerleile says “Hello” to all ROTARIANS. His health prevents him from attending meetings. He was also a long-time song leader for our club.

ODDS OF DYING IN A ROAD CRASH

Your risk of dying in a car accident maxes out in your mid-20s; by the time you’re in your 50s, risks are lower, and the numbers keep dropping until your 80s. But your sex is another important component. More than 4,000 men in their 50s died in traffic accidents in 2020, but fewer than 1500 women met their end that way. BEAT THE ODDS! Stop Texting! Drivers using cellphones are two to eight times more likely to be involved in a crash according to AAA. Dangerous distractions include eating, daydreaming, fiddling with the radio and yes, grooming your hair. Speeding: Speeding was a factor in 29 percent of fatal crashed in 2020. It lowers reaction time, raises the odds of losing control of your vehicle and increases the distance you need to stop when danger’s ahead.

Just bought a head of lettuce. Should I throw it away now or wait two weeks like I usually do?

The Owatonna Fire Dept. invite ROTARIANS to their annual Chili Feed on October 9 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. The event kicks off Fire Prevention Week.

JOY AS YOU AGE

Joy increases with age; 27% of people ages 70-79 said they’re “very happy” in an AARP/National Geographic Study conducted early this year. That’s good, but a University of Chicago study notes that happiness levels in the U.S. are at their lowest since researchers began asking in 1972.

SO ANYWAY

Ad in a newspaper: “I need to re-home a dog. It’s a small terrier and tends to bark a lot. If interested, let me know and I’ll jump over my neighbor’s fence and get it for you.”

Got up this morning and ran around the block five times. Then I got tired, so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.