

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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

September 23: Richard DeBeau and Alan Anderson: Climate Change and Rotary Action Team
September 30: Visit from District Governor Paul Perez
October 7: Fire Chief Mike Johnson...Fire Prevention Week and demo of newest fire engine
October 14: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools: Upcoming election
October 21: Al Smith Pencil Drawings
October 28: Matt Hughes: Young Professionals
November 4: Presentation of Vern White Award
November 11: Owatonna AA...Sylvia
November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Wareheim
November 25: Shane Sattler: An adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students
December 2: Open
December 9: Open
December 16: Open
December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan and Barry Gillespie
December 30: Open

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Monday, September 30, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to our District Governor Paul Perez!

NEXT WEEK: Fire Chief Mike Johnson

BIRTHDAYS: Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Last meeting for Tessa Shirmer, Ethan Stockwell, Evan Krueger and Miles Kuhn

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT: Reyk, Germany

STRIVE MENTORS NEEDED

STRIVE mentors are still needed. STRIVE meetings are held with students once monthly on Thursdays at Owatonna High School from 10:07 to 11:07 a.m. Dates for student meetings are November 7, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12 and April 9. The STRIVE graduation will be held at our meeting on April 20. If you can help by being a mentor, please contact Amanda Heilman at 444-8605.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Loren Olson on his retirement. He preached his last sermon at the Methodist Church yesterday.

The 2020 RI Convention will be held June 6-10, 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Register at riconvention.org by December 15 and save.

ROTARY has committed to raising \$50-million a year for polio eradication, to be matched 2-to1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million. Since launching its polio eradication program in 1985, ROTARY has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, as well as countless volunteer hours. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 33 cases due to wild poliovirus in 2018.

Dr. A.J. Olson was the club song leader when he was a member. He and his partner, Dr. Frank Anderson, founded the Owatonna Clinic. Check out the bronze bust of Olson-Anderson in the newly remodeled entrance to the Mayo Clinic Health System in Owatonna.

Do you wish you'd save those vinyl records you had stashed away? Vinyl records are coming back! They are on pace to outsell compact discs for the first time since 1986. Turntables are now on store shelves. Fueled by hipsters and audiophiles, the vinyl resurgence coincides with a slump in sales of CDs, which are losing market share to online streaming services.

THIS WEEK'S RECYCLE HINT FOR ROTARIANS: Batteries: Batteries are made from metals such as lithium and cadmium which pollute soil and water and harm wildlife (any humans). Rechargeable batteries are especially hazardous. To find a drop-off location near you, call 800-RECYCLING or visit recyclenation.com.

So anyway: An engineer is standing outside the Pearly Gates. "Sorry," St. Peter tells him. "But you're in the wrong place." He snaps his fingers and the engineer finds himself in hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort there the engineer starts making improvements. One day, God phones Satan to ask how things are going. "Great," he answers. "We've got central air and escalators now. There's no telling what that engineer will come up with next." "You've got an engineer?" God says. "There's been a mistake. Send him back up here or I'll sue." "Yeah, right," Satan chuckles. "Where are you going to find a lawyer?"