

# Rotary O-Pinion

## CREATE HOPE IN 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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**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

January 8: Dr. Jason Wray-Raabolle, Mayo Medical Center, Owatonna: Community Engagement

January 15: Owatonna Arts Center

January 22: DECA at OHS

January 29: Business Meeting

Feb. 5: Deb Knutson, Canoeing the Red River to Hudson Bay

Feb. 12: Rob Cunningham, CEO, Olmstead Medical Center

Feb. 19: Juber Arteaga: Living under dictatorship in Venezuela

Feb. 26: Business Meeting

Mar. 4: Chamber of Commerce

Mar. 11: Amy Eppen, Ann Bancroft Foundation

Mar. 18: Open

Mar 25: Business Meeting

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 8, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Dr. Jason Wray-Raabolle, Mayo Medical Center: Community Engagement

**BIRTHDAYS:** Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3

**JANUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Danika Kaytor, Ian Cassen, Carsyn Brady, Arielle Thurber and Shelby Born

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Casper, Finland

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

#### **FROM RI PRESIDENT R.GORDON R. MCNALLY:**

“In difficult times like these, it’s impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction. ROTARY always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times. We also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts.”

We have all enjoyed the lovely lights in Central Park and here have been some key donor ROTARIANS over the last few years who have made significant contributions to the Central Park holiday lights. They included Sharon West and the Barbara Jacobson Estate along with Judy Meister and Rethos-Minnesota Main Street Grant and our friends at Federated Insurance.

Question: Over the years, how much money has been granted toward Brooktree Golf Course by the Owatonna Foundation? Ans: \$628,214.

#### **SPECIAL STUDENT ROTARIAN:**

Jacob Ginsky, a Student Rotarian last September and Laken Meier, an upcoming March Student Rotarian have been nominated for “Triple A” Awards for Excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics. Established in 1988, The Triple A Award acknowledges a male and female high school senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA who participates in High School League-sponsored athletic programs and fine arts activities. The Minnesota High School League will review the Triple A nominees from its member schools. The top male and female students in the state, as determined by a points system, will be announced this spring.

#### **JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

Overheard in New York: “This is a great town! It’s the only place where you can park your car, walk two blocks and find your tires on sale!”