

# Rotary *O-Pinion*

## THE MAGIC OF 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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### PROGRAMS

Feb. 24: Business Meeting: Classification Talk and review of Owatonna, 2024: Brad Meier

March 3: Kris Busse: State of the City

March 10: Edna Ringhofer, Healthy Seniors

March 17: Tim Penny, S.E. Minnesota Initiative Fund

March 24: Tim Murray, Bravo Zulu House, Winnebago

March 31: Business Meeting

April 7: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College

April 14: Tim Walsh, Executive Director of Beauterre (located in former Gainey Center).

April 21: Open

April 28: Business Meeting

May 5: Camp RYLA Students

May 12: STRIVE student

May 19: In-Bound Exchange Student Lea from Belgium

May 26: No Meeting...Memorial Day

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 24, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A regular business meeting, plus Classification Talk by ROTARIAN Brad Meier. He will also review 2024 in Owatonna through the eyes of the Chamber of Commerce.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Hannah Nelson, Amanda Clubb, Lauren Nelson Karys Richardson and Anna Knoll

**NEXT MONTH'S STUDENTS:** **Averi** Vetsch, Anna Mollanhauer, Theresa Wunderlich and Alia Kubicek

**IN-BOUND STUDENT ROTARIAN:** Lea from Belgium

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Two ROTARIANS have made the news. Kris Busse, City Administrator, has announced she will be retiring on August 8. Kristina-Wright Peterson, current Executive Director of Seasons Hospice, has been selected as the next Executive Director of the Minnesota Network of Hospice and Palliative Care effective June 1. In her new role at MNHPC, Ms. Wright-Peterson will advocate for hospice and palliative care providers, addressing increasing regulatory oversight and raising public awareness about the vital role these services play in Minnesotan's lives.

### **FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK:**

"As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate ROTARY'S enduring commitment to peace, let us all recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service. Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future."

February is the month we celebrate love! and we can't think of a better way to do that than to "Share the Love" we have for the good work of ROTARY by supporting our R.I. Foundation which funds most of that good work. To encourage giving during February, matching point incentives will be offered toward receipt of a Paul Harris Fellow award: \*\$100-\$364 =1 to 1 recognition point match, \$365 =635 Points match to Paul Harris Fellow. \*Sign up for ROTARY Direct with a minimum donation of \$30.00 per month and receive 500 points. See ROTARIAN Dick Slieter with any questions.

**SO ANYWAY:** Mrs. Jones accompanied her husband to his annual checkup. Afterward, the doctor pulled her aside. "I'm very concerned about your husband's mental condition," he said, "He told me that every time he gets up to go to the bathroom at night, God turns on the light for him. And when he's finished, God turns off the light." "Oh no!" said Mrs. Jones. "He's going in the refrigerator again!"