

# 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

Feb. 26: Business meeting

March 4: Chamber of Commerce

March 11: Amy Eppen: Ann Bancroft Foundation

March 18: Jennifer Tonko: Exec. Dir, Clean River Partners

March 25: Business meeting

April 1: Lisa Kern, Benedictine

April 8: State of the City: Mayor Kuntz and City Manager, Kris Busse

April 15: Open

April 22: Beth Hortop, Executive Director, Exchange Club Center for Family Unity

April 29: Business meeting

May 6: Open

May 13: Presentation by In-Bound Exchange Student, Casper

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 26, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Monthly business meeting

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Mundale and Ryan Gillespie: March 2

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Paytyn Struss, Luca Gferer, Anna Cox and Ave Schauweker

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper, Finland

### NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President R. Gordon R. McInally: "Our members not only appreciate the greater focus on mental health, but they also believe that making more of the ROTARY experience will materially improve their lives. Our members are not asking dramatically new of their club, rather they want more of what we do best. How do we make ROTARY more appealing? First, we need to acknowledge the importance of increasing belonging in our clubs and to encourage ROTARY members to make the most of every opportunity for new and stronger connections. Public Health experts worldwide are concerned about increasing levels of loneliness. The U.S. Surgeon General has even declared it an epidemic. Mental health experts agree that finding groups and clubs around common hobbies and interests is a strong way to create greater connectiveness. This is what ROTARY is all about."

Did you know? The Owatonna Foundation has been a grant supporter for the Steele Count Free Fair. Here is a listing: 2005 construction of Exhibition Building , \$375,000; 2017 HVAC upgrade for \$6,097; 2022 upper remote windows and siding for the former Isaac Walton Building for \$19,025.00.

This past Friday marked the 119<sup>th</sup> year since the founding of ROTARY. The first ROTARY meeting took place in Chicago with Paul Harris as its President.

So Anyway: In general, I don't believe in child labor, but sometimes they're the only ones that can figure out what's wrong with my computer.