

# 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

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: Jena Tuma, Parks and Recreation Director

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

April 29: Business meeting

May 6: Ron Cox : Midwest Workforce Strategies: Research on workforce shortages in the Midwest

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

May 20: Hosting OHS National Honor Society Students (Supt. Elstad to address students)

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 18, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Jennifer Tonko, Executive Director of Clean River Partners.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jon Huemoeller, March 21

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Anah Packard, Laken Meier, Samantha Bogen and Elizabeth Radel

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

FROM RI PRESIDENT R. Gordon. R. Mcinally: "ROTARY is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from ROTARY PEACE CENTERS and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries. May the continuing work of peace fellows and the ROTARY members who support them inspire you to continue to *Create Hope in the World* through service, fundraising, and creative thinking."

**Did You Know?** The Owatonna Foundation has been a generous supporter of our Public Library...one of the best in southern Minnesota. Grants donated to the library over the years include:

In 1976, \$1,000 given to the OPL for bicentennial micro-filming project; In 1980, \$375 was given for a realist Swinger Reader; In 1986, \$1500 was given for a micro-film reader; In 1990, \$8,178 was granted for a micro-film sealer and printer; In 1991, \$200,000 was given for the remodeling, construction and a new addition to the library; In 1998, \$17,699 was given for a micro-film digital reader/printer system; In 2010, \$6,131 was given for the painting repair of the White Horse which was donated by Reuben Kaplan. The painting is located above the fireplace on second floor.

I used to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear!

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food!

### **Vandalism at Old High School**

All of us have driven by the old high school to check on the destruction of the '21 building. Vandals have inflicted the most severe damage in the building the district is keeping. Vandals have entered areas where asbestos abatement is taking place and graffiti is visible in the room where workers have set up a shower to wash off carcinogenic substances at the end of their shifts.

**FINALLY:** Why do the alphabet song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune? (why did you just sing to yourself the two songs?)

\*Here's one to try. Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke?