

# 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

April 15: State of the City Report: Kris Busse and Mayor Kuntz

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...speaker: Supt. Jeff Elstad

May 27: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 3: Whitney Johnson, President, Allina in Owatonna and Faribault

June 10: Kat Lineker, President, Riverland College

June 17: Dan Bass, Winona. The story of his plane landing north of Beaver Lake while he was unconscious.

June 24: Business Meeting...Year End Celebration!

July 1: Sean Williams: Executive Director-Owatonna Business Development Center

July 8: Past District Governor Jim Hunt

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, May 6, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Ron Cox from Midwest Workforce Strategies presents research on workforce shortages in the Midwest.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Josh Meillier, May 1

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Ava Otto, Kate Sande, Logon O'Connor and Brody Goodnature

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

It was announced last week that we will welcome Lea from Belgium as next year's In-Bound Exchange Student.

**EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR:** Contributions to the Foundation's Annual Fund supports projects dedicated to making a positive, lasting change in communities around the world. Give at [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate) or give to ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

### **NO SONGS?**

At the April board meeting, there was a discussion regarding singing at our meetings. President Ann said she wasn't against singing, but the songs take valuable time from the hour we have for lunch and programs. Should we limit our singing to the National Anthem and possibly Happy Birthday? Think about it. It was President Ann's intention to send out a survey to members regarding singing at our meetings.

### **MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE**

ROTARIANS with green thumbs may be interested in the Steele County Master Gardener annual spring plant sale to be held at the Steele County Community Center on the fairgrounds on Friday, May 17 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 to 11:00 or until sold out. This is a major fundraiser for the Master Gardeners. Proceeds stay local and provide the dollars for the programming that is provided for Steele County Residents. The group provides good quality plants for customers. All ROTARIANS are invited.

### **AIRLINE HUMOR**

\*On a Southwest Flight where there is no assigned seating, you just sit where you want. Passengers were having a hard time choosing when a flight attendant announced, "People, people...we're not picking out furniture here...find a seat and get in it!"

\*On a Continental flight, with a very 'senior' flight crew, the pilot announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."