

# 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 13, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Our In-Bound Exchange Student Casper from Finland will make his year-end presentation.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mike Jensen, May 16, Caleb Whalen, May 18

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** William Wottreng, Jaedynn Tjon and Madelyn Fisher

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

We are looking for host homes for our In-Bound student next year. The young lady comes from Belgium. It is a three-month hosting commitment. She participates in Gymnastics, Dance and Swimming, she like to read and cook, she has a long-term goal possibly in the area of psychology. She does have a fear of dogs. If you know someone that would make a good home for her, please let ROTARIAN Mike Jensen know at 456-1145 or e-mail him at mjensen@trimgraphics.com.

**FROM RI PRESIDENT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY:** "As we look ahead, the ROTARY Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives will play a critical leadership role in promoting proven, measurable projects. In doing so, it will empower clubs to focus on initiatives that drive scalable, sustainable impact.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The very first major gift to the Owatonna Foundation was Lake Kohlmier. The gift was valued at \$7,000 and was made in 1958. Sixty acres of city land were deeded to the Owatonna Foundation for community use by Mrs. George Kohlmier. The grant was a memorial from her husband, the late Mr. Kohlmier, a long-time city resident, and was specifically executed as his express wish. The property is bounded on the South by Mitchell Ave; on the West by the Country Club property; on the East by the Rock Island Railroad ; and on the north by the Straight River approximately inline with Holly Ave. The deed specified that the Kohlmier Company has exclusive right to use the property and remove all sand, gravel, and stone for a period of 25 years.

In 1987, the Kohlmier property was deeded to the City for \$12,000. In the same year, Kaplan's Woods Parkway project was granted \$298,611 for future development.

### **CHUCKLE OF THE WEEK**

\*I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid!

\*An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband. She says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She replies, "It's me, talking to the wine."