



# *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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**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

August 26: Business Meeting: Classification talk by Sean Gillen

September 2: No meeting...Labor Day

September 9: Kat Linaker: President, Riverland Community College

September 16: Ed Marek and Bruce Morlan: "Braver Angels"

September 23: Business Meeting: Mike Jensen, "A look into ROTARY Exchange Student Program"

September 30: Meet the Candidates (To Be Announced)

October 7: Meet the Candidates (To Be Announced)

October 14: Meet the Candidates (To Be Announced)

October 21: Meet the Candidates (To Be Announced)

October 28: Meet the Candidates (To Be Announced)

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 26, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A business meeting. Also, a Classification Talk by ROTARIAN Sean Gillen. Sean is manager of the Michaelson Funeral Home.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**In Bound Student:** Lea from Belgium

**ROTARY SHORTS:**

\*ROTARY members including the 2023-'24 President Gordon McNally took part in an in-line discussion in May about mental health awareness.

\*French President Emmanuel Macron was honored with ROTARY'S Polio Eradication Champion Award at ROTARY DAY at UNESCO in Paris in May.

\*The country with the highest level of Positive Peace is Finland, according to a recent report by ROTARY partner the Institute for Economics and Peace.

\*Did You Know? The Owatonna Foundation granted \$22,500 for the construction of the Steele Saloon at the fair.

\*The 2029 ROTARY Convention will be hosted in Minneapolis. It is hoped 17,000 plus ROTARIANS from around the world will join us.

**Paul Harris/Ven White Award**

\*Here are the past recipients of the Paul Harris/Vern White Award. Vern White was first in 2009. The award became annual in 2014 with Sr. Franchon Pirkl, then Dave Olson in 2015, Arlen Burmeister in 2016, Carol Zetah, 2017, Jerry Ganfield, 2018, Les Abraham, 2019, none in 2020 (COVID), Susanne Schroeder, 2021, Wayne Starman, 2022 and last year, Rebecca Moore.

Nomination forms were sent out via e-mail however they re available at the check-in desk at our meetings and from ROTARIAN Dick Slieter. Dinner Date: Nov. 11.

**Upcoming Meet the Candidates meetings**

Soon those running for election in the city and State will be assigned days. First day of Meet the Candidate Forums is September 30. In case you didn't see the listing of candidates in ROTARIAN Annie's column in the OPP, here they are again: **Mayor:** Matt Jessup, Jason Bastyr, Don Kramer and Don Rooks; **Ward 2:** Dave Gerhartz, Don McCann and Andi Arnold; **Ward 4:** Kevin Raney, Gordon Hendrickson; **At Large:** Doug Voss, Mark Boyette, Joe Peterson and Marc Breon; **School Board:** Tim Jensen, April St. Martin, Nikki Gieseke, Eric Schuster, Andrea VanGelder, Mike Herman, Ron Kubicek, Christina Ingvaldson; **County:** Greg Krieger, Jim Abbe, Rick Gnemi, Scott Prestegard; **State:** House Dist. 19B: Tom Sexton (Waseca) and Edelgard Fernandez Mejia (Owa), House District 19-A: Chris Ranch, (Owa) and Taylor Zinkle (Waseca).

**Finally:** Husband to wife: "For the last 30 years, all you've done is find mistakes in anything I say". Wife: "31 years."