

# Rotary 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: Owatonna School Board

October 7: Meet the Candidates: County Commissioner: Districts 3 and 5

October 14: Meet the Candidates: Mayor and Council, Ward 2.

October 21: Meet the Candidates: City Council At-Large and Ward 4

October 28: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

Nov. 4: Meet the Candidates: State: Tom Sexton and Edel Fernandez

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, September 9, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Guest speaker is Kat Linaker, President: Riverland Community College

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Katelyn Skov, Makenzie Oltmans, Katherine Trendera and Serene Lu

**IN-BOUND STUDENT:** Lia from Belgium

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

#### **FROM RI President Stephanie A. Urchick**

“As members of ROTARY, we have a unique opportunity to share the magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club feel like they truly belong.”

\*ROTARY members are creating community-driven, sustainable projects to improve access to quality education around the world. Your gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND supports these projects to inspire learning at all ages. Donations to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can be given to ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

\*Don't forget to be thinking of a person you feel would be deserving of the Paul Harris/Vern White award. Nomination forms are available at the check-in desk. Forms can be given to ROTARIAN Dick Slieter. The award will be given on November 11. Nomination deadline is Sept. 16.

\*The ROTARY PEACE CORP WEEK, a series of on-line events hosted by Partnering for Peace, will take place September 16-20. Register at [partneringforpeace.org](http://partneringforpeace.org).

**\*Did you know?** In Finland, newborn babies are sent home with a box containing 60 essential items including clothes, blankets, toys, a book and bedding. The box itself can be used as the baby's first crib.

\*Remember Continental Kits? They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

### **FINALLY:**

\*I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made an appointment for next Tuesday.

\*I went by the house I grew up in and asked if I could go in and look around. They said “No!” and slammed the door. My parents can be so rude!

\*If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees!

\*Our town is so small we don't have a town drunk so we all take turns!