

# 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

August 28: Club business

September 4: No meeting...Labor Day

September 11: Annette Duncan, Steele County United Way

September 18: Eva Balzer, Manager, Sherwin Williams: "Beautifying under the Bridge"

September 25: Business meeting

October 2: Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne: Owatonna Foundation

October 9: Patricia McCleese: District Governor

October 16: Little Theatre preview

October 23: Dave Beaver, Manager, Owatonna Airport

October 30: Business Meeting

November 6: Regan Birr, a lifetime of fighting Lupus

November 13: Paul Harris/Vern White Award

November 20: Open

# **ROTARY O'PINION**

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**THIS WEEK:** Representatives of the United Way Campaign will be guest speakers as the campaign kicks off.

BIRTHDAYS: Steve Arnold, Sept. 12, Jim Brunner, Sept. 17

**SEPT. STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Jackson DeGrood, Cole Dahl, Jack Thamert and Jacob Ginsky

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

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS.

**FROM R.GORDON R. MCINALLY, R.I. PRESIDENT:** "The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated and ROTARY is making it easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible. A virtual exchange uses on-line platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact."

## **BEWARE OF EXPLODING WATERMELONS**

Add exploding watermelons to the list of oddities related to the summer's unusual weather. People in New York report they left their melons on their countertop overnight and got up the next morning to find exploded melon all over the kitchen. Keith Schneider, a professor in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida, said the explosions are probably due to the heat. The fruit, if slightly damaged, can begin fermenting. If enough fermentation occurs, which produces gas, enough internal pressure may build up for the melon to crack or pop. Experts say to put that melon in the refrigerator before and after cutting it.

### **OHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**

Induction of this year's Athletic Hall of Fame at OHS will take place this Friday afternoon and evening. Those individuals being inducted include Keith Bangs (boys golf coach), John Cummings (Class of 1944), Dave Furness, (Owatonna Soccer), Chuck Pribyl, (Class of 1972), Cory Urban (Class of 2000) and Kerry Shea (Class of 2002). A program of induction will take place at 4:00 in the afternoon at the high school.

### **SO ANYWAY:**

I might wake up and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery..the odds are about the same.