

# 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

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

September 25: Business meeting : Classification talks by Jon Huemoeller and Matt Hughes

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: Scott Duffus: Member of support crew for a group of paddlers that set a record paddling the entire length of the Mississippi River.

November 27: Business meeting

December 4: Former Congressman Tim Penny, President of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, September 25, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A business meeting with classification talks by Jon Huemoeller and Matt Hughes

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kim Cosens, Sept. 28, Harold Storm, Sept. 29, Stephanie Olson, Sept. 29

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Cole Dahl, Jackson DeGrood, Jack Thamert and Jacob Ginsky

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*There are several ROTARIANS who are past due in paying their dues. If this involves you, please get updated on your dues ASAP.

\*It is the object of the Foundation Committee to receive a \$100.00 contribution from each member to the ROTARY FOUNDATION each year. If you have not tended to this, send your \$100 to the Foundation to ROTARIANS Dick Slieter or Jim Brunner.

**FROM RI PRESIDENT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY:** "It is not enough, as people of action, to avoid making war. If we are to *Create Hope in the World*, we must aggressively wage peace. Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of hardship and violence seem endless. Thank you for being a ROTARIAN."

### **SALUTING WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Rotarian Police Chief Jeff Mundale reminds ROTARIANS that Sept. 12 was National Police Women's Day. We have a number of women wearing the blue of our police department including Sgt. Val Satre, and Officers Melissa Michael, Alexandra Vogel, Anna Martin, Madison Ziegler and Julia Hanson.

### **INVITE FROM SCHS**

The Steele County Historical Society invites ROTARIANS to the annual Oktoberfest this Saturday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the History Center. There will be music, brats and beer. Brian Raichle and the IPOLKA Band will provide German music. Admission is \$10.00 per person. Call 451-1420 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### **SO ANYWAY**

Two dogs were out for a walk. One dog says to the other, "Wait here a minute...I'll be right back." He walks across the street and sniffs a fire hydrant for about a minute...then rejoins his friend. "What was that all about?" the other dog asks. "Just checking my messages."