

# 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

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 South Central Initiative Fund

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Monday, October 2, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** This is Owatonna Foundation Week. ROTARIANS Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne will speak on behalf of the Owatonna Foundation.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Worhach, Oct. 3, Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

**ROTARY INBOUND STUDENT:** Casper, Finland

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President R. Gordon R. Mcinally: "Dear Fellow ROTARY members. The World Health Organization designates October 10 as World Mental Health Day, and ROTARY, placing a special focus on mental health this year, I would like to help answer the question posed to me most often when I travel to meet members: How can my club get started?"

There are some wonderful examples of ROTARY members taking action already. In the Philippines, the ROTARY CLUB of Tiaong-Hiyas held a 12-week challenge for mothers in the community to promote some baseline screenings and coaching on a healthier lifestyle. By the end of the challenge, the mothers had a special bond and decided to form a ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS with the goal of involving more mothers in health education and wellness support, and later youth services, teen pregnancy prevention, and help with unhealthy substance use. Almost a year later, the RCC is preparing to open its own health center where mothers can come for peer-to-peer support."

At this week's Owatonna Foundation Legacy Luncheon, Carol and Elsie Nelson will receive this year's "Spirit of the Community" Award. For over 50 years, Carol has been a noteworthy leader in the Owatonna Community. He has been instrumental in the building of brands such as Hydro-Ax, now Caterpillar, and Eagle Fitness, which then became Cybex. Carol has served on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation for over 40 years! He is a former ROTARIAN.

It was a delightful and moving memorial service for former OHS Choral Director, Roger Tenney on September 23. The service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield. A beautiful message from his grandson, Pastor Ben Schori, who is an Associate Pastor at Bethel. A public reception for the Tenney girls will be held at the Owatonna Arts Center on October 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Finally: My mother-in-law got stung by a bee on her forehead...she's at the ER now. Her face all swollen and bruised, she almost died! Luckily I was close enough to hit the bee with my shovel!