

# 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

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: Tim Penny, former Congressman and President, S.E. Minnesota Initiative Fund

December 11: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

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Monday, November 6, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Regan Birr is guest speaker on the topic: "A lifetime of Fighting Lupus"

**BIRTHDAYS:** Brad Vettrus, Nov. 5, Ray Bartlett, Nov. 8

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Eva Sowder, Jolee Olson, Ruth Weckman, Alayna Wannarka, Tate Berkley

**In-Bound Exchange Student:** Casper, Finland

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**From RI President R.Gordon R. Mcinally: "Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but ROTARY peace fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so. My greetings to everyone at the Owatonna Noon ROTARY Club."**

ROTARIANS, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO, GIVE YOUR \$100 CONTRIBUTION TO ROTARIAN DICK SLIETER. MAKE CHECKS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. REMEMBER, IT'S "EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR".

### **YOUR CAR INSURANCE PREMIUM LATELY?**

If you haven't received your car insurance bill, you'll probably be surprised at the premium when you do. Car insurance rates haven't risen this much since 1976. The cost of insuring a vehicle rose 19% in August compared with a year ago, contributing to an uptick in overall inflation. The bump comes after auto insurers lost an average of 12 cents for every dollar customers paid in premiums thanks in part to huge losses following Hurricane Ian's destruction in Florida. Drivers in Florida are now paying an average of \$3,183 a year for full coverage policies up 15% from 2022. Auto insurers price their plans based on the losses they are incurring in a state-by-state basis. Extreme weather has also driven up the cost of reinsurance, which gets passed on to consumers across the country.

ROTARIANS: If you will want to tour the new high school, there will one more chance to do so on November 14 prior to the OHS All Bands Concert. Registration is requested and may be completed at [isd761.or/new-high-school](http://isd761.or/new-high-school).

**SO ANYWAY:** Ruger is coming out with a new pistol in honor of the Senate and the House. It will be named "The Congressman". It doesn't work and you can't fire it!