

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

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Monday, November 13, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: This is a special day, when we award the annual Paul Harris/Vern White Service Above Self award. This year's recipient is Rebecca Moore. A special welcome to all our guests who are here on behalf of Rebecca. Aside from her work as a Senior Legal Council at Federated, Rebecca is busy with volunteer work. Her vast volunteerism certainly qualifies her to receive the award today. The Service Above Self award recognizes a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the ROTARY Four Way Test: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all Concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

The award was created in honor of Vern White, a non-ROTARIAN, who was an honest man, a fair man, a man whose passion for building good will and better friendships made Owatonna a better place. Vern's life truly reflected 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'

Past recipients of the Paul Harris/Vern White award include Sr. Franchon Pirkl, Dave "Ole" Olson, Arlyn Burmeister, Carol Zetah, Jerry Ganfield, Les Abraham, Susanne Schroeder and Wayne Starman.

If you are interested in being a member of the noon Rotary Club, you can contact our President, Ann Miller.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Eva Sowder, Jolee Olsen, Ruth Weckman, Alayna Wannarka and Tate Berkley

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Casper from Finland

We are honored to have our District Governor, Patricia McCleese as guest today.

***Rotarians:** Lois Nelson reports we have just over \$32,000 of committed donations toward the Commemorative Clock and Time Capsule. With the Owatonna Foundation award of \$7500, we have reached nearly 88% of our goal. The clock supplier has indicated that are not increasing prices just yet. We have to make a final presentation to the District Grants Committee once the goal is reached before we can order the schedule with the electrical contractor. Please consider making your contribution now. Send a check to Box 218 or give your donation to Jim Brunner or Brad Vettrus. Thank you for being a part of the next century of ROTARY in Owatonna!

To our visitors: Each week in the O'Pinion includes a joke to send members off in a good mood for a Monday. So, here it is: "All the kids make fun of me. They say I have a big head." "Don't listen to them," said his mother. "You have a beautiful head. Now stop crying and go to the store for ten pounds of potatoes." "Where's the shopping bag?" the little boy asked. Mother said, "I haven't got one...use your hat."