

# 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

November 27: Business meeting

December 4: Tim Penny, former Congressman and President, S.E. Minnesota Initiative Fund

December 11: Kory Kath, OHS Principal

December 18: Annual Meeting

December 25: No Meeting

January 1: No Meeting

January 8: Dr. Jason Wray, Mayo Medical Center, Owatonna

January 15: Owatonna Arts Center

January 22: DECA at OHS

January 29: Business Meeting

Feb. 5: Deb Knutson, Canoeing the Red River to Hudson Bay

Feb. 12: Rob Cunningham, CEO, Olmstead Medical Center

Feb. 19: Juber Arteaga: Living under dictatorship in Venezuela

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 4, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Tim Penney, former Congressman and President of Southeast Minnesota Initiative Fund.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Diane Holland, Dec. 6, and Beth Gilthvedt, Dec. 8

### NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

#### FROM THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:

The Board approved holding another "Magic of ROTARY" event in 2024.

The annual meeting date will be December 18.

Thanks to ROTARIAN Chad Lange. When ROTARIAN Lois Nelson reported that we were \$2,000 short of our goal for the ROTARY Clock, Chad Lange quickly stepped up and said he would contribute the \$2,000 needed to reach our goal. THANKS Chad!

The 2023 CP Holiday Train will be coming through Owatonna this Wednesday, December 6. It will stop at the rail crossing near the Owatonna Bus Co. in the Industrial Park. This annual event is part of the CPKC Holiday Train's extensive tour across Canada and the United States. The Holiday Train not only brings joy with its brightly decorated exterior, but also carries a vital mission of raising funds, collecting food donations, and increasing awareness for the crucial work done by featuring the talented **Tenille Townes and Breeland** performing live from the train's stage. The Holiday Train embodies the spirit of giving during the holiday season, reminding us of the importance of supporting those in need and coming together as a community.

Bring your kids or grandkids to the Holiday Train location. There will be limited parking near the tracks, so the Owatonna Bus Co. will offer free shuttle service from the parking lots at Lowes and Wal Mart.

ROTARIAN Ryan Gillespie will be asking for your help in handing out journals to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the school systems in Owatonna. She will be sending a sign-up sheet around the tables for you to indicate you can help.

### SO ANYWAY

Little boy sitting on Santa's lap: ".....and can you bring my mommy some more of that juice she drinks in the afternoon. It really mellows her out!"