



# O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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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April 23: Mark Blando, Director, Public Library

April 30: April Paxton: Family Services Coordinator: Michaelson Funeral Home “The Grief Recovery Method”

May 7: Camp RYLA report and STRIVE grad recognition

May 14: OHS National Honor Society

May 21: Nado Farewell

May 28: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 4: Bob Showers,. “Minn. Twins at the old Met Stadium”

June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival, Amy Swain, Audiologist

June 18: Jeffrey Jackson, Managing Editor, Owatonna People’s Press

June 25: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...”Fast for Hope”

July 2: Open

July 9: Steele County Works (Workforce Initiative)

July 16: Update: Owatonna Clinic

July 23: Drawing: We All Play raffle

July 30: Open

August 6: Preview: Steele County Free Fair: Scott Kozelka

August 13: Open

August 20: Open

August 27: Open

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Open

September 17: Open

September 24: Open

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 23, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Mark Blando, Director of the Owatonna Public Library

**BIRTHDAYS:** Cindy Scheid, April 25, Dale Gandrud, April 28

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Sydney Schultz, Julia Haarstad, Stephanie Liebl, Becca Olson

**IN BOUND STUDENT:** Nado, Indonesia

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Rotarian Sharon West is now home recuperating from hip surgery.

If you have old unused eyeglasses around the house, bring them to a meeting and give them to Dr. Beth of Horizon Eyecare. She will send them to the Minnesota Chapter of VOSH (Volunteers in Service to Humanity) who will redistribute them to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. No broken or partial frames, no badly scratched lenses, no lenses with a frame and no prescription sunglasses.

The 2018-2019 Presidential theme for ROTARY is "Be the Inspiration" One source of inspiration, according to RI President-Elect Barry Rassin, has been ROTARY'S work to eradicate polio. He described the incredible progress made in the past three decades: In 1988, an estimated 350,000 people were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus; in 2017 just 22 cases were reported. "We are at an incredibly exciting time for polio eradication," he said, "a point at which each new case of polio could very well be the last." He emphasized that even when that last case of polio is recorded, the work won't be finished. ROTARIANS must continue to dedicate themselves to immunization and to disease surveillance programs. "Polio won't be over until the certifying commission says its over...when not one poliovirus has been found in a river, in a sewer, or in a paralyzed child for at least three years. "Until then, we have to keep doing everything we're doing now."

CHECKS FOR DONATIONS TO THE "I CAN PLAY" FUNDRAISER CAN BE GIVEN TO TREASURER JIM BRUNNER. NOTE TO CREDIT ROTARY ON YOUR CHECK.

### **Some Minnesota Notes for ROTARIANS, (JUST IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW)**

\*Minnesota became the 32<sup>nd</sup> state on May 11, 1858 and was originally settled by a lost tribe of Norwegians seeking refuge from the searing heat of Wisconsin's winters.

\*Minnesota gets its name from the Sioux Indian word "mah-nee-soo-tah" meaning, "No, really. They eat fish soaked in lye.

\*The state song of Minnesota is "Someday the Vikings will....Aw, never mind.

\*The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota covers 9.5 million square feet and has enough space to hold 185,000 teenagers yapping away on cell phones.

\*Downtown Minneapolis has an enclosed skyway system covering 52 blocks, allowing people to live, work, eat and sleep without ever going outside. The only downside to this is that a Norwegian occasionally turns up missing.

Finally: Senility ain't bad,. You can wrap your own Christmas presents. You never watch re-runs. You can hide your own Easter Eggs and you get to meet new people every day.

To Sheriff Lon: I speed because I have to get there before I forget where I'm going.

REMEMBER: ROTARY shredding day is June 2.