

# Rotary O-Pinion

## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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

March 7: Scott Limberg: The Growth of Owatonna Live  
 March 14: Owatonna Update: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna  
 March 21: Julie Bleckeberg Fiske, Exec. Dir. of Growing Hope  
 March 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!: Lois Nelson: Steve Arnold, Dave Effertz  
 April 4: No Meeting  
 April 11: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff  
 April 18: Anne Peterson, Manager, Minn. State Orphanage Museum  
 April 25: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson  
 May 2: Kathey Huisman, Exchange Club Center for Child Abuse  
 May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition  
 May 16: National Honor Society Recognition  
 May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson  
 May 30: No meeting...Memorial Day  
 June 6: Matt Durand and Karina Schmitz: Steele County Housing Coalition  
 June 13: Leslea Partridge: Wenger Marching Band Festival  
 June 20: Mark Blando, Director, Owatonna Public Library  
 June 27: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!  
 July 4: No Meeting

## **OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 25, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** ROTARY, 100 YEARS STRONG! ROTARIAN RYAN GILLESPIE WILL SPEAK OF THREE GENERATIONS OF HER FAMILY AS ROTARIANS. WE WILL ALSO MEET NEW INDUCTEE BRAD SVENBY.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Cindy Scheid, April 25, Dale Gandrud, April 28, Dave Williams, April 30

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Abigale Dirks, Mirah Eichten, Savannah Smith and Grace Jacobs

### **ROTARIAN NOTES**

**FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA:** “The damage of environmental catastrophe is already upon us...and so, too, is our ability to lift the world’s needy out of poverty and give them hope. We must find ways to protect our planet while sustaining economic growth necessary to achieve our highest humanitarian goals. This is a very exciting time in ROTARY, a time when the world needs us most. As we ‘Serve to Change Lives’, remember that we are also changing ourselves. We are becoming the world’s great change-makers and peace-builders. The world is ready for us. It’s time to rise to that call!”

Bob Hope said it: “Movie cowboys mystify me. How can they jump off a roof onto a horse and still sing in a normal voice?”

A man down the street says that his wife is such a poor driver that the police gave her a season ticket.

### **NEWS NOTES**

\*After his State of the Union address President Biden’s overall job approval rating rose to 47%, up from 39% the previous week. 52% said they approve of how Biden is handling the war in Ukraine, up from 34%. 69% say they support sanctions against Russia, even if it results in higher energy prices.

A nine-year-old Brazilian boy snuck on a plane for a solo 1677-mile journey, after doing an online search for “how to get onto a plane unnoticed. He was reported missing after his mother woke up and found him gone. The family spent the day searching for him before getting a call informing them he was in Guarulhos on the other side of the country. His mother said, “He boarded the flight without documents, with nothing” his mother said. Authorities are still investigating.

\*Locally: The Owatonna Police Department offers citizens a unique way to give back to your community by volunteering as a police reserve officer. This volunteer unit is made up of dedicated men and women who generously donate their time to make our community a safer place. The OPD welcomes reserve officer applicants of all ages and back grounds who have an interest in law enforcement and a desire to serve your community. Reserve officers must be 18 years of age, reside in Steele County, possess a valid Minnesota driver’s license and no criminal convictions. For further information, contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200.

I’ve sure gotten old! I’ve had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I’m half-blind, can’t hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can’t remember if I’m 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank goodness I still have my driver’s license!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!