

# 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

October 25: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong Lois Nelson  
November 1: Clare Lillis, Human Trafficking Co-Chair  
November 8: Vern White Award  
November 15; Rotary Foundation  
November 22: Scott Pierce, advisor, DECA at OHS.  
November 29: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson, Dick Slieter  
December 6: The Moving of Jerry's Mural: Kellen Henrichson, Director, History Center/OHS Carolers at noon  
December 13: Robert Sikel: Open Arms Suicide Prevention  
December 20: Christmas musical: Dave Williams/Kim Cosens  
December 27: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong!  
January 3: Ed Hoffman, Fire Chief  
January 10: Open  
January 17: Julie Anderson, Steele County Traditional Housing  
January 24: ROTARY: 100 years strong!

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Monday, December 20, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We'll put you in the Christmas mood today as ROTARIANS Dave Williams and Kim Cosens join together to present holiday music. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Matt Ketelson, Dec. 22

**DECEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Addison Andrix, Jack Helget, Alex Huemoeller, Preston Meier

## NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Shekhar Mehta: "The world relies on ROTARY to tackle challenges and to set an example for others. Over the past decade, medical professionals and government workers have provided free health services to 2.5 million people in ten countries during Family Health Days which are organized by ROTARIANS around the world.

Do you know a member of our club who hasn't attended meetings? Contact them and tell them that they are missed and we would like to see them at our meetings.

## Holidays at the White House

A candy-adorned tradition, the official holiday gingerbread house is made by pastry chefs and evolves year after year.....from a simple German A-frame in 1969 to a nearly 100-pound replica of the 1993 White House designed to scale.

Pat Nixon first invited Big Bird to the White House in 1970.

## Holidays in Owatonna

At one time the music heard downtown came from a receiver located in the attic of the Wells Fargo Bank. Each Christmas, the KRFO Chief Engineer, Jerry Boos, would crawl up in the attic of the bank to start the music for the holiday season.

Costas' Candies have opened their store to the public for the holiday season after completing a complete renovation of their store.

## Unpaid bills

More than a million unpaid bills, totaling \$100 million, were left behind each month over the last year by consumers who moved without ever notifying their creditors, according to the National Enquirer.

## Alcoholics—Children

More than 28 million American children are being harmed by the fact that one or both of their parents are alcoholics, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Children of alcoholics suffer a high risk of developing alcoholism themselves in later years, the Institute says. A study shows that these children are twice as likely to become alcoholics as other children.

So anyway: Christmas morning, after all the presents were opened, it was clear that by seven year old son wasn't thrilled with the ratio of toys to clothes he'd received. As he trudged slowly up the stairs, I called out, "Hey, where are you going?" "To my room," he said, "to play with my socks!"

The plumber fixes a leak in the doctor's house...then bills him for \$1,000. "This is ridiculous!" the doc says. "I don't even charge that much." The plumber says, "Neither did I when I was a doctor."