

# Rotary O-Pinion

## IMAGINE ROTARY

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 7: Steele County United Way, Tom Worhach

November 14: Vern White Award luncheon (meeting starts at 11:30)

November 21: Lisa Johnson, Supervisor, Customer Services: Post Office

November 28: Club celebration/100 years plus Foundation windup

December 5: Kory Kath, OHS Principal: "Preparing for the Move"

December 12: Scott Golberg, County Coordinator

December 19: Alan Anderson; What's Ahead in Climate Change?

December 26: No meeting

January 2: No meeting

January 9: Report from Camp Enterprise students

January 16: Julie Summy: Homeless Teens

January 23: Roger Wareheim, Manager, Public Utilities

January 30: Club Business

February 6: Brad Meier, Chamber of Commerce

## **ROTARY OPINION**

Monday, December 5, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Plans are already in the works at the high school for the move to the new school that will take place this summer. OHS Principal and ROTARIAN Kory Kath will speak about plans for the move.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Diane Holland, December 6, Beth Gilthvedt, December 8

**DECEMBER STUDENTS:** Welcome to Lauren Waypa, David Smith, Olivia Vieths, Lileigh Nguyen and Josaphine Nguyen

**EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Silvia from Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A message from RI President Jennifer Jones: “Partners for Malaria-Free Zambia is ROTARY’S first Programs of Scale grant recipient and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Malaria is the leading cause of illness and death in Zambia.” I wish all ROTARIANS a happy holiday season!

**FIND A CLUB.** Use ROTARY’S free club locator and find a meeting wherever you go!

Did you know? If you’ve been to Hawaii, did you notice there are no seagulls in Hawaii.

Did you know? Snow-bones are the lines of snow or ice left at the sides of roads after the rest of the snow has melted.

Did you realize? A “50% off” sign increases sales, even if shoppers don’t know the original price or what a reasonable price for the product would be.

### **LOCAL HOLIDAY NOTE**

Back in 1990, Federated Insurance commissioner Kent Kaplan to produce leaded glass panels for the company entrance on the east side of Central Park. They were to be used during the holidays with the message “Seasons Greetings”.

Kent made 10 leaded glass panels, all wood framed, that would fit inside the existing windows. These decorative glass panels have been put in around Thanksgiving and taken down after the first of the year for the past 30 years.

### **AROUND TOWN**

A roundabout among Steele County, the city of Owatonna and the School District will be delayed until next year. The roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Bixby Road and 18<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast. It is expected to be open to traffic before the start of classes at the new high school in the fall of 2023

So Anyway: A devoted wife was taking care of her husband who had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. When he came to his senses, he motioned for her to come near. “You have been with me through all the bad times,” he said. “When I got fired, you were there. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot you stayed by my side. When we lost the house you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?” “What dear?” she asked gently. He said, “I think you bring me bad luck.”