

# 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

- January 9: Report from Camp Enterprise students
- January 16: Julie Summy: Homeless Teens
- January 23: Roger Wareheim, Manager, Public Utilities
- January 30: Club Business: New member Christy Tryhus: Riverland College
- February 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce
- February 13: State of the City: Kris Busse, Mayor Kuntz
- February 20: Steve Wencil, Blooming Prairie Stills
- February 27: Club Business
- March 6: Michele Merxbauer, Exec. Director: South Central Human Relations Center
- March 13: Rick Bussler, publisher, Blooming Prairie Times
- March 20: Dr. Jason Wray Raabole: Owatonna Clinic update
- March 27: Club Business: Annual Mtg.
- April 3: Liz Andrist: "Let Africa Live"
- April 10: Jen Swanson: Principal: St. Mary's
- April 17: Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Public Schools
- April 24: Kaia (Duffus) Liang: 2006 Outbound Student to India, lived in China the last 7 years

## ROTARY OPINION

Monday, February 13, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** ROTARIANS Kris Busse and Mayor Tom Kuntz will present the annual “State of the City” report.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Charlie Herrmann: February 17

**FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF MONTH:** Kassidy Hart, Allison Wasieleski,, Kaitlyn Wasieleski, Emily Jacobs, Taylor Busho

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A note from ER Jennifer Jones: “Our work with empowering girls and women is much more than creating equity...sometimes its about health or education. Other times it’s about providing safety. Regardless of the path, it’s always about basis human rights.

### **WHAT WAS IT LIKE 100 YEARS AGO?**

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the year 1910.

\*The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

\*Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

\*Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.

\*Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone

\*There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads in the nation.

\*Maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

\*The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

\*The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

\*A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.

\*A mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

\*More than k95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

\*Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools.

\*Sugar cost four cents a pound, coffee was fifteen cents per pound.

\*Most women only washed their hair once a month and used **Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.**

\*There was no such thing as under-arm deodorant or tooth paste.

\*The five leading causes of death were: 1. Pneumonia and influenza, 2. Tuberculosis, 3. Diarrhea, 4. Heart disease, 5. Stroke.

\*The American flag had 45 stars, the population of Las Vegas was only 30!

\*Two out of every 10 adults couldn’t read or write and only six percent of all Americans graduated from high school.

### **SO ANYWAY**

I stepped into an elevator today and a very large busted woman stepped in with me. As I was staring at her, because I couldn’t help it, she says, “Would you press ‘1’ please?” So I did. I really don’t remember much after that!

