

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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?

---

### OFFICERS

**TROY KLECKER**, President  
**DIANE HOLLAND**, Secretary  
**RYAN GILLESPIE**, Past President

**JOHN CONNOR** , President Elect  
**JIM BRUNNER**, Treasurer

---

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** [www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofOwatonna](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofOwatonna)

---

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Connor  
Todd Hale  
Mathew Hughes

Roger Warehime  
Dave Effertz  
Troy Klecker

Loren Olson  
Diane Holland  
Kim Nelson

Jim Brunner  
Ryan Gillespie  
Andi Arnold  
Dave Allard

**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 27: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachel's Light  
February 3: No meeting due to construction in OCC kitchen  
February 10: Bill Regan and Katie Kreuter: Owatonna Bus Co  
February 17: Tim Penny: "Divided We Stand?"  
February 24: Police officer Casey Martin and his dog Vegas  
March 2: Al Smith, "Women of War"  
March 9: Joe Stiles, Furnishing Hope  
March 16: State of the City: Mayor Tom Kuntz and Kris Busse  
March 23: Owatonna Police Department  
March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford  
April 6: Kyle Skov, City Engineer  
April 13: Dr. Richard Huston, PolioPlus trip to Pakistan  
April 20: STRIVE graduation  
April 27: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Clinic Health System  
May 4: Camp RYLA Students  
May 11: Hosting OHS National Honor Society: Speaker: Joyce Madsen  
May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, February 17, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to former Congressman Tim Penney. His topic: "Divided We Stand"

**BIRTHDAYS:** Charlie Herrman, (currently in KODA), Feb. 17, Cory Michaelson, Feb. 20

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Kaia Elstad, Alexander Vereide, Ruth Livingston, Sara Anderson

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Reyk, Germany

## ROTARIAN NOTES

**TOGETHER WE PROMOTE PEACE:** Building a peaceful world begins in our own backyards. That's why ROTARY brings communities together to learn from our differences, gain new perspectives, and form stronger connections. Promoting peace through understanding...that's what people of action do!

ROTARIANS Joseph P. and Linda Grebmeier, members of the ROTARY Club of King City, Calif. pledged a \$1 million life endowment to the new peace center, expressing the hope that their "commitment will help to support ROTARY'S peace programs in Africa and in our world."

From the beginning, ROTARIANS generosity has kept pace with the progress of the peace centers. Since the centers' establishment in 2002, 7,000 donors have made 15,000 gifts or commitments to the program totaling \$172 million. ROTARIANS came together to support global grants and ROTARY'S other humanitarian endeavors. All of that happens because of donors.

A quiz for ROTARIANS: What do these words have in common (other than having six letters): abhors, adopt, almost, begins, bijoux, biopsy, chimps, chinos, chintz? (Answer at the end of the bulletin)

Sorry meat lovers: Research confirms the risks: Eating red and processed meat is linked to higher rates of heart disease and death, says a new large study....a finding that would be met with a big "duh" if it didn't come on the heels of a controversial report suggesting people don't necessarily need to eat less meat. The new research, published in JAMA Internal Medicine, found that eating two servings of red or processed meat weekly is associated with a 3% to 7% higher risk of cardiovascular disease such as heart attack and stroke, and a 3% higher risk of death from all causes.

Did you know? The lights in the fountain in Central Park were paid for with a donation from Judy Meister.

So anyway: Ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" Well, you'll love this one: "My name is Alice and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy I had a secret crush on way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School." "Yes, yes, I did. I'm, a proud Mustang," he gleamed with pride. "When did you graduate?" I asked. He answered, "In 1975. Why do you ask?" "You were in my class!" I exclaimed. "He looked at me closely, then that ugly, old, bald, wrinkle faced, fat, gray-haired, decrepit jerk asked, "What subject did you teach"?"

Answer to quiz: The letters in each word appear alphabetically.