



# O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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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January 8: Tim Penny: The political climate in Washington

January 15: Roger Warehime: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Club meeting: Youth Exchange program

January 29: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

February 5: Tim Truelson, Owatonna Park and Rec...”We All Play”

February 12: Mayor Tom Kuntz, Kris Busse: State of the City

February 19: Bob Randall: “Modern Workforce”

February 26: Pastor Todd Buegler

March 5: Sue Schroeder, Public Schools Social Worker

March 12: Ali Diley, Director of Nutrition, Public Schools

March 19: Owatonna Police Department

March 26: Sonja Harris: Owatonna Brain Training Center

April 2: Dave Vandergon, CEO, KODA

April 9: Open

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

May 7: Open

May 14: OHS National Honor Society

May 21: Open

May 28: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 4: Farewell from Nado

June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, January 22, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** ROTARY Youth Exchange: "Exchange isn't a year in your life, it's a life in a year."

**BIRTHDAYS:** Glen Meger, Jan. 25

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Nicholas Hagen, Jamie Davison, Margo Achterkirch, Ben DeNio

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Nado, Indonesia

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From R.I. President Ian H.S. Riseley: "In ROTARY, our diversity is our strength. This idea dates back to the earliest years of our organization, when the classification system was first proposed. The idea behind it was simple: that a club with members who had a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities would be capable of better service than one without.

"In the years since, the idea of diversity in ROTARY has come to be defined more broadly. We have discovered that a club that truly represents its community is far better to serve that community effectively. Looking ahead, it is clear how essential diversity will remain in ROTARY, not only to strong service today, but to a strong organization in the future."

### **AROUND TOWN**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit the Andrew Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held this Saturday at the Retrofit Company from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Advance sale tickets are \$8.00 and available at Kottke Jewelers, Costa's, Owatonna Shoe, Huntington's and the K.C Hall. Tickets at the door are \$10.00 and \$30.00 per family.

January 30 is the deadline to submit a nomination for this year's Owatonna Business Women "Woman of Achievement" award. Send nominations to Box 942, Owatonna, Mn. or e-mail to [OBWnominations@gmail.com](mailto:OBWnominations@gmail.com).

THANKS TO ROTARIAN MIKE JENSEN FOR WEEKLY PRINTING OF THE O'PINION!

Music Boosters in Owatonna are making plans to formulate a "Owatonna Music Hall of Fame." Community members are being sought to serve on a steering committee. Plans are to induct nominees on the night of the Pops Concert at OHS. Anyone wishing to serve on the steering committee should call Jerry Besser at 451-5196.

Did you know:

\*The city used to block off the Rice Street hill from Grove to Elm streets and the Pearl Street hill from Wall to Grove for sliding.

\*The Mosher Ave. hill used to be referred to as "Cinder Hill" because cinders from the power plant boilers were spread on the road to enable traffic to climb the hill.

ROTARIAN Charlie Herrmann and wife Emily are now residents of Countryside.

Two old guys are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The first old guy says to the second, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going." The second old guy says, "That's ok, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her. What does she look like?" The second old guy says, "Well, she's 27 years old, red hair, blue eyes, long legs and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?" To which the first old guy says, "Doesn't matter, let's look for yours!"