

# 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?

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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

December 16: Club Assembly

December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie, Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 30: NO MEETING

January 6: Stevie Ray, Stevie Ray's Improv: "Building and Maintaining Relationships with Your Clients"

January 13: Pat Heydon, Advanced Care Coordinator, Allina: "Advanced Care Planning."

January 20: Chamber of Commerce Annual Report: Brad Meier

January 27: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachel's Light

February 3: No meeting due to construction in OCC kitchen

February 10: Carol Nelson "The Man and his Inventions":

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: Report: Mayo Clinic, Owatonna: Dr. Brian Bunkers

March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

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Monday, January 27, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Amanda Starks, Director of Rachel's Light

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28, Michelle Krell, Jan. 30, Steve Olsen, Feb.1

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Rachel Benson, Mikayla Dinse, Lydia Hoffman and Ethan Engel

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

## **ROTARY NOTES**

The 2020 RI Convention is being held in Honolulu. Register at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) by March 31 to save.

**From RI President Mark Daniel Maloney:** "In the 115 years since ROTARY was founded, seemingly everything has changed except ROTARY values. We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership. While our "Service Above Self" motto dates to 1911, the ethics behind those words had already been ingrained by ROTARY'S founders.

## **Interesting Facts**

\*The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year. The Earth gets 100 tons heavier each day due to falling space dust.

\*A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

\*Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song "Happy Birthday"

\*Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61%.

Got an idea for a theme for the 2021 Steele County Free Fair? The fair is seeking a theme for the fair, which will be observing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have a theme suggestion, send it to SCFF, Box 650, Owatonna, Mn. or drop it by the fair office.

Many of you participate in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year's event will be held on September 26. The date was changed in order to avoid the extremely hot conditions in the mid-summer months. It's also being held on a Saturday rather than on a Friday. The location has also been changed to the area of Fair Square Park. The silent auction will take place in the Beer Garden.

If you have used eyeglasses at home that you are no longer using, get them to ROTARIAN Dr. Beth Gilthvedt at Horizon Eyecare Professionals. They are then donated to the Minnesota chapter of VOSH, (Volunteers in Service to Humanity"). Only usable glasses that can be recycled to third world countries are accepted: No broken or partial frames, no badly scratched lenses, no lenses without a frame and no prescription sunglasses.

THANKS TO ROTARIAN KIM COSENS FOR CLUB MEETING PIANO PLAYING AND TO DR. JOHN FOR LEADING US IN SINGING.

Two hours into my first day of work as a Wal-Mart greeter, an ugly woman came in with her two kids. I said, "Good morning, welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice kids, are they twins?" The woman answered, "Hell, they ain't twins...the oldest is 9 and the other one's 7. Why would you think they're twins? Are you blind or stupid?" I replied, "I'm not blind or stupid. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice and thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart." My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this kind of work.

Remember? Using a clothespin to attach a playing card to your bicycle fender brace so it would stick into the spokes and sound like a motorcycle?

REMEMBER: NO MEETING NEXT WEEK DUE TO KITCHEN BEING CLOSED FOR REMODEL.