

# Rotary O-Pinion

## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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 27: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong!

January 3: Ed Hoffman, Fire Chief

January 10: Open

January 17: Julie Anderson: Steele County Traditional Housing

January 24 State of the City...Mayor Kuntz and City Administrator Kris Busse

January 31: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong! Kim Cosens, club musician

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, January 3, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Our guest speaker will be Owatonna's new Fire Chief Ed Hoffman

**BIRTHDAYS:** Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** January Student Rotarians are Elizabeth Wunderlich, Ava Hess, Maddie Moen and Claire Heyne

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Polio Questions: **Do more boys than girls receive polio vaccines?** On a global level, there is very little discrepancy between reaching boys and girls. You also see more or less equal distribution of cases of polio between boys and girls. But the global statistics can mask disparities at the local level. We know that we have communities that are not being reached; we need to understand why we are not reaching them. Gender plays a huge role in both supply of and demand for immunization. Who is providing immunization...a man or woman? Who is the decision-maker...mom or dad? And how do the immunizer and the decision-maker work together? (From Heather Monnet, External relations officer and gender focal point for polio eradication, World Health Organization.)

**“Protecting The Environment”...an official cause of ROTARY. ROTARY’S new cause focuses on comprehensively solving specific issues that have a detrimental effect on the environment. As people of action, ROTARIANS are asked to take on projects that can make a positive, measurable, and sustainable impact on the one place we all call home. Learn more about ROTARY’S new cause at [rotary.org/environment](http://rotary.org/environment).**

Did you know? Hoagy Carmichael holds the record for the song with the longest title. The song was released around 1943: *I'm a Cranky Old Yank in a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokohama with My Honolulu Mamma Doin' These Beat-o, Beat-o Flat-on-My-Seat-O Hirohito Blues.*

Those of you who knew Len Schreiber would appreciate knowing that Len passed away at his home in Alexandria on December 19<sup>th</sup>. When living in Owatonna, Len was the manager of the Red Owl Store downtown. He went on to own Viking Bay Resort on Lake Miltona north of Alexandria.

I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise. And, I was right!

Apparently RSVP to a wedding invitation “Maybe Next Time” isn't the right response.

Who remembers waiting to call long distance till after 7:00 because it was cheaper?

Speaking of memories: If you have a special memory of something that happened in the early years of ROTARY in Owatonna, there are forms available at the registration desk to jot them down and put them in the memory basket.

So anyway: Buddy and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year. Every year Buddy would say, “I'd like to ride in that helicopter.” Edna always replied, “I know, Buddy but that helicopter ride is \$50.00 and fifty bucks is fifty bucks.” One year Buddy and Edna went to the fair and Buddy said, “Edna, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride in that helicopter, I might never get the chance.” To this, Edna replied, “Buddy, that ride is fifty bucks and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!” The pilot overheard the couple and said, “Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word, I won't charge you a penny. But if you say one word, it's fifty bucks.” Buddy and Edna agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Buddy and said, “By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!” Buddy replied, “Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Edna fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!”

A police recruit was asked during an exam, “What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?” The reply: “Call for backup!”

**HAVE A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**