



# 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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November 27: Gaylene Steckelberg: Co-Director: LTO production: Snapshots: Moments, Memories and Music

December 4: Farewell from Jeff, In-Bound Exchange Student

December 11: Bremer Foundation

December 18: Christmas Music by “Credit Report”:...Rotarians Dave Williams and Ryan Gillespie

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS...no meeting

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!...no meeting

January 8: Tim Penny: The political climate in Washington

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Darci Stanford: Owatonna Brain Training Center

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: Chad Lange: The Festal Story

April 2: Open

April 9: Open

April 16: Open

April 23: Open

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, January 8, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Former Congressman Tim Penny with a look at the political scene in Washington. His topic: "Divided We Stand".

**BIRTHDAYS:** Betsy Rossi, Jan. 1, Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3, Earl Anderson and Erin Felton, Jan. 8, Tim Holland, Jan. 10.

**JANUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Jamie Davison, Margo Achterkirch, Nikcolas Hagen and Ben DeNio

**INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Jeff, South Africa and Nado, Indonesia

**JANUARY INVOCATION:** Todd Buegler

**JANUARY GREETERS:** Laura Resler, Jerry Kopel, John Muellerleile

### **ROTARY NOTES**

As we begin a new year, we issue our thanks to ROTARIANS Kim Cosens (piano), John Muellerleile (songleader), Katy Kreutter (providing bus transportation for students).

### **FROM RI PRESIDENT IAN H.S. RISELEY**

"One of the most pressing aspects of diversity in ROTARY to address our membership is the age of our members. When you look around at almost any ROTARY event, it immediately becomes obvious that the age range in the room does not promise a sustainable future for our organization. Our membership is near a record high and we are bringing in new members all the time, yet only a small minority of those members are young enough to have decades of ROTARY service ahead of them. To ensure a strong and capable ROTARY leadership tomorrow, we need to bring in young and capable members today."

As you look at future programs, you will note that we are scheduled through March. Mondays in April and beyond are available. If you know of a program that you would like to have at one of our meetings, let program chair Todd Hale know and he will begin filling those dates in the near future.

Mentors for this year's STRIVE program at OHS include Katy Kreutter, Bruce Paulson, Kurt Halverson, Diane Holland, Julie Rethemeier, Jim Brunner, Brad Meier, Wes Kain, Glen Meger, Dan Harber, Brian Ennis and Kris Busse.

This is what we have to look forward to: This happened at an assisted living center. The people who live there eat their meals in a central cafeteria. One morning, one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so an aide went upstairs and knocked on his door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly. An hour later he still hadn't arrived so the aide went back up towards his room and found him on the stairs. He was having a tough time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to be having trouble getting his legs to work right. She asked if he wanted her to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way, he ate breakfast. When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step, so an ambulance was called. A couple hours later, the aide called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts! So, there you have it! Kids, don't sell the house till you know the facts!

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