

# 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

- May 2: Report from Camp RYLA students
- May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition
- May 16: National Honor Society Recognition
- May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson, Kris Busse, Tom Partridge
- May 30: No meeting...Memorial Day
- June 6: Matt Durand and Karina Schmitz: Steele County Housing Coalition
- June 13: Leslea Partridge: Wenger Marching Band Festival
- June 20: Mark Blando, Director, Owatonna Public Library
- June 27: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!
- July 4: No Meeting
- July 11: Kathy Huisman, Center for Family Unity
- July 18: Installation of new officers
- July 25: ROTARY...100 Years Strong!
- August 1: Jeff Elstad: Supt. of Public Schools
- August 8: Scott Kozelka, Preview of Steele County Free Fair
- August 15: School update: Jeff Elstad and Bob Olson
- August 22: Jason Bergman, Operation Bootstrap, Africa

## **OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, June 13, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Leslea Partridge, chair of the Wenger Marching Band Festival Committee will preview this Saturday's Marching Band Festival.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jerry Kopel, June 12, Brad Meier, June 14

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHKA:** "What a year it has been for ROTARY. You have lived up to every challenge, including to *grow more, do more*, and ROTARY has grown in a way that we haven't in many years! This year saw life-changing new projects across all areas of focus, as we took up important work at the highest level, with UNICEF, the Commonwealth, and global leaders. Our efforts opened opportunities to empower girls, improve the environment, and advance literacy and health. I want to thank each of you for our proactive service. I also want to thank the wonderful ROTARY staff for ensuring that we can work with care for our fellow human beings, with peace in our hearts. Over the year I've met with thousands of ROTARIANS and been inspired by their great work around the world. We were also able to showcase ROTARY'S work at the highest level, meeting with heads of state, leaders and bureaucrats and offering to work with them to show that ROTARY cares and brings peace in this world. With our swan song, Rashi and I wish you the very best as you 'Serve to Change Lives'."

**O CANADA:** The incoming RI President is Canada's Jennifer Jones. Jones will spend more than three weeks introducing herself to members of ROTARY in Canada, and to anyone else who wants to come out and say hello. Jones plans for the Canada tour and the Imagine Impact Tour that will follow took shape during conversations with her husband. "As a way of focusing our presidential travel, we decided to create a global impact tour to showcase projects and programs of significance across the ROTARY world. This tour provides an opportunity for others to see themselves reflected in our actions, and perhaps they will want to learn more about ROTARY. The best part of this tour is that it is going to energize us for the year ahead. While this is the first leg of the Imagine Impact Tour, there is nothing that can't be accomplished when ROTARY members unite, and we are ready to get started!"

### **AROUND TOWN**

The Owatonna High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees for 2022 have been announced. The induction will take place on September 16. The Inaugural Teams of Distinction will be honored this year including the 1950 Boys Track and Field, 1954 Boys Wrestling (a perfect 11-0 season), 1974 Baseball (a 17-4 season), 1976 Girls Track and Field (AA State Champs), and 1969 Boys Basketball (24-1 season). Two individuals will be inducted including the late Tom Freeburg and Roy Koenig of KRFO.

The 2022 edition of Medford's Straight River Days is this weekend, June 16-18. Check out the Straight River Days website at [www.straightriverdays.com](http://www.straightriverdays.com) for a complete calendar of events. If you like parades, the Straight River Days parade is Friday night at 7:00 Check out the city-wide garage sale.

So anyway: An embarrassing medical exam: The doctor said he was visiting a patient. "So, how was your breakfast this morning?" he said. "It's very good," said the patient, "except for the Kentucky jelly. I can't seem to get used to the taste." The doc. then asked to see the jelly. The patient produced a full packet of 'KY Jelly'.