



# 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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### Upcoming

- June 4: Bob Showers,. “Minn. Twins at the Metrodome”
- June 11: Kim Cosens, Preview, Wenger Marching Band Festival, Amy Swain, Audiologist
- June 18: Jeffrey Jackson, Managing Editor, Owatonna People’s Press
- June 25: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...”Fast for Hope”
- July 2: No Meeting
- July 9: Mark Fritsch: Climate Change...why the debate?
- July 16: Update: Owatonna Clinic
- July 23: Shirley Schultz, Mainstreet Owatonna
- July 30: James Lundgren, Director, Steele County Historical Society
- August 6: Preview: Steele County Free Fair: Scott Kozelka
- August 13: Drawing: We All Play Raffle
- August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative
- August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz
- September 3: No meeting...Labor Day
- September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative
- September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts
- September 24: Steele County United Way
- October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional
- October 8: Meet the Candidates: County
- October 15: Meet the Candidates: City
- October 22: Meet the Candidates: Legislative
- October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board

# ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, June 18, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Jeffrey Jackson, Managing Editor, Owatonna Peoples Press

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

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

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**Other Clubs are Doing it too!** We are not the only ROTARY Club becoming involved in a We All Play project. The ROTARY Club of Moraga, California, has raised enough money to build an all-access playground. The 5,000-square-foot play area features two dozen pieces of equipment including swings, slides, a seesaw, merry-go-round, a glider and a sandbox that are designed to be accessible to all children. This club raised \$350,000 to make the all-accessible playground a reality. They received a district grant from the ROTARY FOUNDATION as well as donations from neighboring clubs and other community service groups. The ROTARIANS and their supporters did more than raise money. Several dozen volunteers, including local Boy Scouts, assembled and installed the playground themselves.

The original plan was to build a playground specifically for children with special needs. The club members felt that the playground would be accessible not just for kids with special needs, but for their siblings and friends, so they could all play together.

The committee overseeing the fund raising by our club to raise \$50,000 has done similar things at this point. They have made ROTARY INTERNATIONAL aware of our plan, have contacted the District, and are contacting other service clubs in our community. The committee hopes that all of our members can help. Make checks out to "We All Play" and give them to Treasurer Jim Brunner. Any amount helps.

**TOGETHER WE CONNECT! ROTARY UNITES PROBLEM SOLVERS AROUND THE GLOBE BEHIND ONE GOAL: TO DO MORE GOOD. OUR MEMBERS ARE DRIVEN TO BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE. CONNECTING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER...THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE OF ACTION DO!**

**Just in case you didn't know: (Just kidding!)**

\*Frank C. Mars, founder of Mars Candy Co., was born in Newport, Minnesota. His 3 Musketeers candy bar originally contained three bars in one wrapper, each filled with a different flavor of nougat-chocolate, Spam and lutefisk!

\*The snowmobile was invented in Roseau, Minnesota so as to allow families a means of attending 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnics.

\*You like Lobster? In the early 1900's, lobster was considered the "cockroach of the ocean" and was synonymous with the poor...often eaten regularly by the homeless, slaves and prisoners. It wasn't until after WWII that lobster became considered a delicacy and a food associated with the aristocratic classes.

Here's a scary thought but factual: Medicare's trust fund will become insolvent in 2026, three years earlier than expected. Social Security's costs will exceed its income for the first time since 1982.

So anyway: Two Mexican detectives were investigating the killing of golfer Juan Gonzales. The first detective asked his partner, "What do you think killed him?" His partner replied, "a golf gun". "What's a golf gun?" the first detective answered. His partner replied, "I don't know, but it sure made a hole in Juan!"