

# 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**

**THIS WEEK:** We welcome members of the 2022 Owatonna High School National Honor Society. Honor Society pins will be presented to each student whose name will be called by OHS Principal Kory Kath. Speaking to the NHS members will be Sheldon Jensen, son of ROTARIAN Mike Jensen. Sheldon was a member of the National Honor Society in his graduating class.

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Following is the procedure for NHS selection each year:

1. A list is obtained of all students in grades 11 and 12 with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
2. These students are contacted and asked to fill out the student activity information form which asks students to list co-curricular activities, leadership positions, community activities, recognitions or awards received, and an essay on a topic that will be related to National Honor Society. Students are also asked to submit two recommendations, one from a person associated with OHS such as a teacher, coach or advisor and one that is not associated with OHS such as a church leader, employer, or a person to whom they have volunteered service to.
3. The NHS Advisor will give student activity information forms and recommendations to the faculty selection council.
4. The faculty selection council consisting of eleven present staff members, is responsible for the final selection. Members of the faculty selection council may have discussion with each student. Each faculty member must make a vote of "in or out" for each student based on all four NHS characteristics: academics, leadership, service to others and character. The final decision of approval for each candidate for membership is by majority vote of this council.
5. The list of selected and non-selected students will be presented to the principal. Selected members will be inducted into the NHS during an induction ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BEST OF THE BEST THAT WE HAVE WITH US TODAY.

Did you know? No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times (Oh, go ahead...we'll wait!)

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Sheriff Lon Thiele who continues to hold a prominent role with a national organization considered to be the premier executive training provider for law enforcement leaders. Thiele has moved up to third vice president of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association executive board. He was first elected to the board last year and will serve on the board for six years and eventually will take over as the group's president. Only two law enforcement leaders have served since FBI-LEEDA began in 1991.

Did you know? You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

### **SO ANYWAY**

Ole died. So Lena went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The man t the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Lena what she would like to say about Ole. Lena replied, "Yust put 'Ole died'. The man was somewhat perplexed and said, "That's it? Just 'Ole died'. Surely there must be something more you'd like to say about Ole. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We must say something more." So Lena pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "O.K. You just put 'Ole died. Boat for sale'.