

# Rotary O-Pinion

## IMAGINE ROTARY

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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**TOM PARTRIDGE;** President-Elect

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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

April 3: Liz Andrist, Ingrid Kubisak, Dave Chatalaine “Let Africa Live”

April 10: Brenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce: Owatonna Hosting Gov. Pheasant Opener

April 17: Jen Swanson, Principal, St. Mary’s School

April 24: Kaia (Duffus) Liang: 2006 Outbound Student to India, lived in China the last 7 years

May 1: Camp Ryla Students

May 8: Jared Hendricks, Energy Conservation Officer, Owatonna Public Utilities (addressing solar energy)

May 15: Hosting: National Honor Society, OHS

May 22: Silvia, Inbound Student from Italy

May 29: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 5: Owatonna Foundation: Tom Dufresne, Sarah McKay

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

## ROTARY OPINION

Monday, May 1, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from the students from noon and morning clubs who attended Camp RYLA.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Josh Meillier, May 1, Amanda Heilman, May 5

**May Student Rotarians** Welcome to Jackson Vogt, Jaemi Madina and Kathy Morales

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Silvia from Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI: President Jennifer Jones: "When we talk about finding space for one another....creating comfort and care within ROTARY...we're describing a club experience where we can all feel comfortable sharing, and we can all empathize with and support one another. Whatever we are facing in life, ROTARY is a place where we know we're not alone. We spend so much time helping our world, whether it working to end polio, cleaning up the environment or bringing hope to communities that need it most. Sometimes we lose track of the need to supply some of our energy and care to our fellow members and partners in service.

The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and retention. We need to be sure that it remains a priority and that we further strengthen these bonds by performing service that helps reduce the stigma of seeking out mental health treatment and expands access to care."

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR. YOUR YEAR-END GIFT TO ROTARY'S ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS PROJECTS THAT HELP CREATE LASTING CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

### **NO MEMORIAL DAY OWATONNA PARADE**

The Owatonna VFW has announced that it is discontinuing and organizing the parade on Memorial Day beginning this year. Instead, they will concentrate on the program to be held at the Four Seasons building. The reason: Members of the committee have aged to the point that they cannot handle the duties of parade organization. At one time there were close to 20 members on the committee. Today there are only two.

Time marches on!

So Anyway: The Aging Body: The body gets stiff, you get cramps in your legs, corns on our feet as big as hen's eggs. Gas in your stomach, elimination is poor. Take Ex-Lax at night and then you're not sure. You soak in the tub or your body will swell. It's just like I said, "Old Age is Hell. The teeth start decaying, eyesight is poor, Hair falling out all over the floor. Sex life is shot it's a thing of the past. Can't go to parties, don't dance anymore, just putting it mildly, you're a hell of a bore. Nothing to plan for, nothing to expect. Just the mailman with your Security check!.