

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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### PROGRAMS

April 8: Update on We All Play

April 15: Mac Hamilton, Developer

April 22: Carol Belmore: Middle School “REACH program

April 29: Former Senator Dave Durenberger

May 6: Camp RYLA students and STRIVE graduates

May 13: National Honor Society Students

May 20: Ed Marek, St. Paul Sunrise...District Fast for Hope

May 27: Memorial Day, no meeting

June 3: Farewell from Iringo

June 10: Preview: Wenger Band Festival

June 17: Claire LaCanne, Master Gardener: Pollinator Week

June 24: Chuck Driessen: History of Culligan and Culligan Ultrapure

July 1: Chuck Long, former U of Iowa Quarterback

July 8: Erica Paley: RYE to Taiwan

July 15: Sue Schroeder: Children’s Remedial Fund

July 22: John Hinderaker ,president, Greter Minnesota Outreach

July 29: “Nuga” Atewologun, President, Riverland College

August 5: Preview: SCFF: Scott Kozelka

August 12: Open

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Monday, May 20, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** An Owatonna ROTARY welcome to Ed Marek of St. Paul Sunrise Club who will update us on the District Fast for Hope.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Andi Gaffke, May 20, Michelle Redman and Penny Vizina, May 22, Stephen Smith, May 23, Kerri Kuhn May 27, Shaylene Baumbach, May 30, Kim Westphal, May 31

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last week for Jacob Pfeifer, Matthew Bueltel, Elena Dandt and Gabriel Rysavy

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Iringo, Romania

ROTARY'S programs for our youth extend our ideals of service., friendship and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people ...as sponsors, project partners and mentors...it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in ROTARY.

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*Did you know? At one time, Memorial Day Exercises were always held outside. The first location was the band shell in Central Park. The second location was on the courthouse steps. Many years those attending dodged snowflakes on cold days. Rain also entered the picture some years. Sometimes the Memorial Day Exercises had to be canceled due to the weather. When the Four Seasons Centre was built, the Memorial Day program was moved inside.

\*In the early years the traditional Memorial Day soloist was Henry Brown. Henry sang "God Bless America". He was raised at the Owatonna State School and at the time was the only black person living in Owatonna. He was well accepted in the community and his singing became a Memorial Day tradition.

\*Berlyn Staska who celebrates his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 24, will again play taps for the Memorial Day programs this year. He has played taps for our Memorial Day for 50 years, starting shortly after he returned home from the service.

OHS graduation will be held at the Four Seasons Centre on June 9. Did you know/ At one time graduation exercises were always held outdoors on the football field until the decision was made to continuously hold them indoors at the Four Seasons. Custodial staff at the school had to put folding chairs on the field (which sunk into the ground if rain had fallen) with the thought that they might not be used if graduation was held inside due to the weather. Before the Four Seasons Arena was built, graduation was moved to the school gym which did not have room for seating family and friends of the grads. Many senior classes preferred holding graduation on the football field, but the administration finally decided to make the move to the Four Seasons permanently.

It really happened! An airline passenger was briefly detained by security for traveling with moose poop in his carry-on bag. The incident occurred at Juneau Int'l Airport after TSA screening equipment detected a "large organic mass" in the unnamed man's luggage. He told agents he collects moose nuggets and enjoys presenting them as symbols of "politicians and their policies." The man was allowed to board with his stinky cargo.

Sayings:

\*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

\*Now that I'm older I thought it was great that I seemed to have more patience. Turns out I just don't give a damn!

\*Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5,000 a month!

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK. HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY!