

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?

OFFICERS

GLEN MEGER President
BRAD VETTRUS Secretary
JOHN CONNOR Past President

ANN MILLER President Elect
STEVE ARNOLD Treasurer

FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofOwatonna

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Connor	Jeff Hall	Dick Slieter	Jim Brunner
Todd Hale	Dave Effertz	Ann Miller	Ryan Gillespie
Mathew Hughes	Steve Arnold	Lois Nelson	
Brad Vettrus	Lonna Lysne		

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

March 7: Scott Limberg: The Growth of Owatonna Live
 March 14: Owatonna Update: Troy Klecker, City of Owatonna
 March 21: Julie Bleckeberg Fiske, Exec. Dir. of Growing Hope
 March 28: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong!: Lois Nelson: Steve Arnold, Dave Effertz
 April 4: No Meeting
 April 11: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff
 April 18: Anne Peterson, Manager, Minn. State Orphanage Museum
 April 25: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
 May 2: Kathey Huisman, Exchange Club Center for Child Abuse
 May 9: STRIVE Student Recognition
 May 16: National Honor Society Recognition
 May 23: ROTARY, 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson
 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

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, May 2, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Kathey Huisman, Director of the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity.

BIRTHDAYS: Josh Meiller, May 1, Amanda Heilman, May 5.

MAY STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Caleb Vereide, Connor Ginsky, Cael Dowling and Luke Wottreng

NOTE FOR ROTARIANS:

This is the final month of hosting students at our meetings. Thanks go out to ROTARIAN Ryan Gillespie who has handled the selection and monthly organization of our students. Thanks to ROTARIAN Katy Kreuter and the Owatonna Bus Co. for providing transportation of the students from the high school to our meetings.

FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA

“Due to positive response to the ‘Each One, Bring One’ initiative I am happy to see that the membership trends in ROTARY are looking up. Let us not lose this momentum. Keep inviting new members, and also work hard to retain every member we attract. I look forward to seeing ROTARIANS next month in Houston at the 2022 RI Convention. Also in Houston this June, we will be hosting my final presidential conference. We have devoted this year to conferences built around ROTARY’S area of focus. They have been a tremendous success, both in terms of attendance and in the ideas that were generated.”

MORE EXPENSES FOR JULY 4 FACED BY EARLY EDITION CLUB

John Havelka of the Early Edition Club reports that costs for fireworks will be increasing near 20%. This means a higher bill for the July 4 fireworks in Owatonna. Several special events to raise additional dollars for this year’s show and for next year’s show will be held so watch for announcements. Meanwhile you can donate to the fireworks fund by making a check out to the ROTARY fireworks and sending it to the Chamber Foundation, 320 Hoffman Dr. in Owatonna.

The Owatonna Master Gardeners invite ROTARIANS to sign up for a plot in the Owatonna Community Garden through the University of Minnesota Extension. The program has 24 plots and five raised beds available for rent. Master Gardener Coordinator Laurie Rugg said, “A lot of gardeners don’t have space in their yards This provides them with access to fresh foods they may not have in their diet. For more information, contact Laurie Rugg at brow3298@umn.edu or call 444-7687.

The longest drum solo was played by a 5-year-old sitting in the seat behind me on a flight from U.S. to Japan!

A TOP HONOR

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Ann Miller, owner of Spherion in Owatonna, on recently being awarded for their perseverance and dedication not only the businesses they serve, but the individuals as well. This reason and many more are what earned Miller the President’s and Top Sales Growth Awards during the company’s annual national meeting. Miller said, “All I can say is that we’re always striving to do better and be better. We will always have goals and challenges, and we will always be looking to find those people who love what they do the way we love what we do.”

SO ANYWAY

*I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour. By the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

*These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, “For Fast Relief”

*My memory’s not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory’s not as sharp as it used to be.