

# 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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**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

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:

June 12: Leslea Partridge, 2023 Marching Band Festival

June 19: Rick Bussler, Publisher, Blooming Prairie Times

June 26: Club Business

## ROTARY OPINION

Monday, May 8, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Jared Hendricks, Energy Conservation Officer with Owatonna Public Utilities. He will be addressing solar energy in Owatonna.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lois Nelson, May 13

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Jackson Vogt, Jaemi Medina and Kathy Morales

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**FROM RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES:** "I'm so heartened by President-Elect Gordon McNally's wonderful vision to help improve the mental health system, not only for rotary members, but for the communities we serve. At this year's International Assembly, he reminded us that helping others benefits our mental health by reducing stress and improving our mood. Studies show that performing acts of kindness is an effective way to improve your own mental and physical health. ROTARY service brings hope to the world and joy to our lives."

The selection committee for this year's Music Hall of Fame has announced this year's inductees. They include:

**Berlyn Staska,** OHS Class of 1946: Berlyn played in many bands over the years. He actually formed his first band "The Hungry Five and One Left" while in high school. He was one of the founders of the Owatonna Community Band along with John Holland, Dave Leach and Rufus Sanders. He played in the Brass Renegades, Klecker Band, the Local 490 Band and the Elks Concert Band.

**Dr. Trent Jacobs:** OHS Class of 1999. He has served on the music faculty at the U. of Wisconsin, Eau Claire as the bassoon instructor and lecturer of music theory and aural skills since 2015. He designed and manufactures the "Little Jake" pickup that amplifies the bassoon. He is a prolific reed maker operating as the band Weasel Reeds for bassoon and contrabassoon.

**Gloria Coulter:** Has taught music to Owatonna elementary students for nearly 25 years. She plays for many music events in Owatonna. She has sung in several chorales including the Roger Tenney Chorale.

The recognition event will be held prior to the Pops Concert on May 16. Meet and greet from 4:30-6:30 at the high school.

Finally: Apparently, exercise helps you with decision making. It's true! I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again!