

# 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: Open
- August 22: Jason Bergman, Operation Bootstrap, Africa

## **OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, May 9, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will be honoring the OHS students and their mentors who have participated in the STRIVE program.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lois Nelson, May 13

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Caleb Vereide, Connor Ginsky, Cael Dowling and Luke Wottrent

### **FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA**

“It is heartbreaking to see up close all the lives that have been uprooted in Ukraine...and they are not alone. A devastating civil war in Yemen continues. The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is deepening, armed conflicts affect nations across Africa and there are major refugee crises continuing in Syria and Venezuela. ROTARY will always be on the side of the peaceful resolution of conflict and providing aid and comfort to people in need. ROTARY was there at the end of WW II, promoting the creating of the United Nations and standing up for the cause of peacebuilding worldwide. It's time to renew our mission and perform our role as one of the world's great promoters of peace. There is no better way to SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES than to serve the cause of peace.”

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are enough restaurants in New York City for a person to eat out every night for 54 years and never visit the same restaurant twice.

The average person looks at their cell phone 150 times a day!

### **A LOOK BACK:**

1. Baseball cards in your bicycle spokes...who among you never did this?
2. A popular TV series “Leave it to Beaver” was perhaps the most unrealistic, misleading and shallow depiction of family life ever.
3. Most people over 55 recall with nostalgia the Dixie Cup ice cream picture lids that appeared all over America from 1930-1954.
4. I can't remember ever seeing the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers or other cowboy heroes actually kill someone. They would just shoot the gun out of the bad guy's hand. There was no blood, no violence, just folks wondering who that masked man was!  
Remember sticky fly paper that hung from kitchen ceilings until insecticides like Flit became available in the 40's.

### **DAN GORMAN HONORED**

Dan Gorman of Owatonna was the recipient of this year's Book of Golden Deeds given by the Exchange Club of Owatonna. Dan is a home bred all around volunteer. He also gives up his Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to coordinate the phone bank and home delivery of meals.

So anyway: An 80-year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, “What did you steal?” Hanging her head she replied, “A can of peaches.” The judge asked her why she had stolen a can of peaches she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied, “Six”. The judge then said, “I will give you six days in jail.” Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something. The judge replied, “What is it?” The husband said, “She also stole a can of peas!”

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK