

# 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

- November 7: Steele County United Way
- November 14: Vern White Award luncheon (meeting starts at 11:30)
- November 21: Jenny Gollhofer, Owatonna Postmaster
- November 28: Club celebration/100 years plus Foundation windup
- December 5: Kory Kath, OHS Principal: “Preparing for the Move”
- December 12: Scott Golberg, County Coordinator
- December 19: Alan Anderson; What’s Ahead in Climate Change?
- December 26: No meeting
- January 2: No meeting
- January 9: Report from Camp Enterprise students
- January 16: Julie Summy: Homeless Teens

# **ROTARY OPINION**

Monday, November 14, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Today is the day we present the annual Vern White-Paul Harris Award. This year's award goes to Owatonna Wayne Starman. Our District Governor, Dayle Quigley will make the presentation to Wayne.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Effertz, November 14

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Brooke Kunkel, Lauren Bangs. Ava Eitheim, Emma Myer, Liam Melgaard and Gavin Caron

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Vern White was the first recipient of the Paul Harris award. The club adopted the name of the award in honor of Vern. Before he became ill, he was involved in many Owatonna projects and celebrations. A 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book of Owatonna was made possible under his leadership. He was concerned about the quality of life in Owatonna and he was part of the leadership of fundraising for the new aquatic center that is truly an asset and provides pleasure to all Owatonna citizens.

Past recipients of the Vern White-Paul Harris award include Franchon Pirkl, Arlen Burmeister, Dave "Ole" Olson, Jerry Ganfield, Carol Zetah, Les Abraham and Susanne Schroeder.

Did you know? If you point your car keys to your head, it increases the remote's signal range. This works by using your brain to act as a radio transmitter.

The VFW will be host for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Frozen turkeys are being collected from citizens. If you wish to donate a turkey, drop it off at the VFW by November 19 which will allow time to thaw the bird and ready it for cooking.

Volunteers are needed at the VFW on Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week for preparations and on Thanksgiving Day for serving. Volunteer drivers will also be needed on Thanksgiving Day for home deliveries.

## **2023 R.I. CONVENTION**

The 2023 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Melbourne, Australia. If you are interested in attending, register at [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org). December 15 is the last day for the early registration discount.

## **PARADE OF LIGHTS**

December 1 is the date for the annual Christmas Parade of Lights. The parade will begin at Cedar and Rose and travel south to Central Park. The lighting of the Christmas lights in the park will take place and the Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers will begin their season.

## **SO ANYWAY**

\*Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

\*So, you've been eating hot dogs and McChickens all your life, but you won't take the vaccine because you don't know what's in it. Are you kidding me?