

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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

November 25: Shane Sattler: An adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students

December 2: OHS Robotics Team

December 9: Reyk, (Exchange Student from Germany), OHS Christmas Carolers

December 16: Club Assembly

December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie, Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 30: NO MEETING

January 6: Stevie Ray, Stevie Ray's Improv: "Building and Maintaining Relationships with Your Clients"

January 13: Pat Heydon, Advanced Care Coordinator, Allina: "Advanced Care Planning.

January 20: Chamber of Commerce Annual Report: Brad Meier

January 27: Amanda Starks, Director: Rachael's Light

February 3: No meeting, OCC kitchen construction

February 10: Carol Nelson "The Man and his Inventions":

February 17: Tim Penny: "Divided We Stand?"

February 24: Open

**ROTARY'S PRIMARY PURPOSE 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.**

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Monday, November 25, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Former ROTARIAN Shane Sattler will speak on his adventure to Africa meeting former ROTARY Exchange Students.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last week for Anna Vetsch, Brynn Butler, Emma Loveless and Kaitlyn Madole

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Reyk: Germany

## NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Education fuels innovation and progress. That's why ROTARY members encourage lifelong learning: exchanging ideas and inspiring generations of problem solvers. Learning together to explore what's possible...that's what people of action do.

November is ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH. The ROTARY FOUNDATION is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch. We know that the Foundation is helping ROTARIANS do good in the world, but it can be difficult to convey the full scope of its work. To make a contribution to the ROTARY Foundation, go to [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate) or make a check out to ROTARY FOUNDATION and give to treasurer Jim Brunner.

Table volunteers needed for upcoming Visioning Workshop on Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Let Dave Allard know if you can help.

Did you know? Some 31% of U.S. credit card holders pay their balance each month, the highest share since the American Bankers Association began keeping track in 2008.

A reminder of the "Better Angels Skills Workshop" presented by our club tomorrow night from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The workshop is free and open to all.

Nowhere to go for Thanksgiving dinner? You are invited to the community dinner at the VFW Club beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Turkey and all the trimmings. Volunteers also needed for serving the meal.

Did you know? Most homeowners are staying home. The average house is being lived in for 13 years before hitting the market, five years longer than in 2010. That's led to a shortage of housing inventory. There are now 12.5 homes for sale per 1,000 households, the lowest number on record in 37 years.

So anyway: After being married for 50 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa-bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 23 year old girl. Now, I have a \$750,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed, and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 73year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up to your side of things." My wife, is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa-bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV." Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems!

Observe a good Thanksgiving. Count your blessings instead of your crosses. Count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes. Count your friends instead of your foes, Count your smiles instead of your tears. Count your courage instead of your fears. Count your kind deeds instead of your mean, Count your health instead of your wealth. Count on God instead of yourself.