

# 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

October 25: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong Lois Nelson  
November 1: Clare Lillis, Human Trafficking Co-Chair  
November 8: Vern White Award  
November 15; Rotary Foundation  
November 22: Scott Pierce, advisor, DECA at OHS.  
November 29: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong! Lois Nelson, Dick Slieter  
December 6: The Moving of Jerry's Mural: Kellen Henrichson, Director, History Center  
December 13: Robert Sikel: Open Arms Suicide Prevention  
December 20: Christmas musical: Dave Williams/Kim Cosens  
December 27: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong!  
January 3: Ed Hoffman, Fire Chief

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 29, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** First of monthly programs looking at Owatonna Rotary history...Today: Looking back on ROTARY projects. Betsy Lindgren-Skate Park; Lonna Lysne-Costa Rica Playground; Mike Jensen-Tanzania Water Project with his uncle Mark and Ryan Gillespie-We All Play Park Project

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Last day for Aiden Packard, Aaron Kess, Reid Stauffer and Olivia Shaw

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Shekhar Mehta: "This month I asked all ROTARY Clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all ROTARIANS worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit [rotary.org/donate](https://www.rotary.org/donate). Once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about. Thank you for giving your all to ROTARY. You are the reason that ROTARY is able to do more and grow more. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives.*"

## **A fact**

How many high schools can boast two OHS graduates in a row to go on to become principal at their alma mater? Owatonna can. OHS grad and ROTARIAN Kory Kath is the current principal at OHS. He was preceded by OHS grad and ROTARIAN Mark Randall.

How many communities can boast that both our Sheriff and Police Chief are graduates of Owatonna High School? We can. Sheriff Lon Thiele and Police Chief Keith Hiller are both graduates of OHS.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- \*Cards Against Humanity" bought an island in Maine to preserve wildlife. It is called Hawaii 2.
- \*Eight of the ten largest statues in the world are of Buddhas.
- \*Ketchup originated in China as a boiled-down brine of pickled fish and spices.
- \*Alligators will give manatees the right of way if they are swimming near each other.

## **A LETTER TO ROTARY**

ROTARIAN Dick Slieter shared this note to me that he received from Arlen and Bev Burmeister. "Beverly and I want to thank you for the great program and meal you arranged for the "Service Above Self" awards luncheon. The meal was outstanding and it is always to visit with past recipients and ROTARIANS. Thank you for inviting Beverly and me to the luncheon. Being one of the recipients is one of the great honors I have received. Thank you for all that each of you, and all of you collectively, for what you do for the community of Owatonna. It was a special day for us."

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING PARADE**

The holiday Parade of Lights will be held on Cedar Avenue this Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. As of now, the parade route will be held on the newly paved Cedar Avenue. If the project is not finished to allow traffic, watch for an announcement about an alternate route. The parade will end at Central Park where Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet you with candy canes. The lights on the trees will be lit by Tom Brick whose Owatonna Shoe store has been located on Cedar Ave. for 75 years. The OHS Christmas Carolers will kick off their season at this event.

So anyway: A dog is truly a man's best friend. If you don't believe it, just try this experiment. Put your dog and wife in the trunk of the car for an hour. When you open the trunk, who is really happy to see you?