

# 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 4: Presentation of Vern White Award to Les Abraham

November 11: Owatonna AA...Sylvia, Rick, Bonnie

November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Wareheim/Camp Enterprise Students

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) and an update on We All Play fundraiser

December 16: Chamber of Commerce annual report (Rotarian Brad Meier)

December 23: Christmas Musical: Ryan Gillespie

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: Open

January 27: Open

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Monday, November 4, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A special week for us all. We present the Paul Harris/Vern White award to Les Abraham of Owatonna. This award recognizes a Non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the ROTARY motto, "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of ROTARY 4-WAY TEST. Les certainly represents all of those values. You will hear about Les and his many activities benefitting the city of Owatonna on our program today.

Les joins several others who have been presented with this award in the past six years including Vern White, Franchon Pirkl, Arlen Burmeister, Dave Olson, Jerry Ganfield and Carol Zetah.

## **FOUNDATION MONTH**

November is FOUNDATION MONTH on the ROTARY calendar. 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. The United States leads the number given to the Foundation with \$395,699,358. In addition, in the past five years the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed matching funds in the amount of \$409 million.

During this FOUNDATION MONTH, make a special effort to make a contribution.

ROTARIAN Roger Warehime states that last year our club donated \$9,375.00. The goal this year is \$11,000. Additionally, we have a goal of doubling the number of members who give to the ROTARY FOUNDATION from 33 last year to 66 this year. Giving to the ROTARY FOUNDATION is another way you can "make a difference". Your donation makes a gift to those who need our help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting ROTARY service projects worldwide.

Your gift has impact locally as well as globally. Through the Annual Share Fund program, 50% of contributions come back to our district for district-controlled grants. Our club has recently used these grants to support the "We All Play Owatonna" initiative to build a Miracle Field and Inclusive Playground for our community.

Please consider giving to the Foundation this month. Unless you designate differently, your gift will be designated to the Annual SHARE Fund. Checks can be made out to the ROTARY FOUNDATION and mailed to Dave Allard, Owatonna ROTARY, box 218, Owatonna, Mn. 55060

## **CONNOR APPROVED AS PRESIDENT-ELECT**

ROTARIAN John Connor has been approved by the board of directors as President-Elect for our club.

## **VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR ETHICS WORKSHOP**

ROTARIANS are needed to help as Table Volunteers for the upcoming Ethics Workshop. It will take place at the History Center on December 17. If you can help, please contact coordinator ROTARIAN Dave Allard.

## **THE WEEK'S RECYCLING HINT FOR ROTARIANS**

Paint: Don't dump cans of paint left in them, the contents could be toxic. Water-based paint can be recycled and turned into new paint. There is a location at our Steele County landfill where you can donate old paints.

So anyway: My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Lots of Dust". That's when the fight started!

And anyway: Ole died. So, Lena went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Lena what she would like to say about Ole. Lena said, "You just put "Ole died"". The gentleman said, rather perplexed, "That's it? Just 'Ole died'? Surely there must be something more you'd like to say about Ole. If it's the money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We must say something more." Lena pondered and finally said, "OK, put in 'Ole died...boat for sale'"

