

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
December 27: ROTARY: 100 Years Strong!

OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 8, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to the annual Paul Harris/Vern White award luncheon. Today we will present the award to Susanne Schroeder, a social worker in our Owatonna Public Schools. We will hear comments from 5960 District Governor Kenneth Klooster and Assistant Governor Ryan Gillespie.

BIRTHDAYS: Sabra Otteson, Nov. 9, Barry Gillespie, Nov. 10, Dave Effertz, Nov. 14

NOVEMBER STUDENTS: Aiden Packard, Aaron Kess, Reid Stauffer, Olivia Shaw

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Meet Susanne Schroeder: Susanne was born in Giessen, Germany and immigrated to the United States as a young child with her mother. She grew up in Watertown, South Dakota, and became a U.S. Citizen at age of 11. She and her husband, David, moved to Owatonna in 1947 and together they raised four children. She began working for the Owatonna Public Schools in 1990 and has served in each of the schools as a social worker. In 1997, she completed her Masters in Social Work at the University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine. She became a licensed independent Clinical Social Worker in 2004.

Past recipients of the Paul Harris/Vern White Award include Franchon Pirkl, Tom Peterson, Arlan Burmeister, Dave Olson, Patsy White, Jerry Zetah, Jerry Ganfield, and Les Abraham.

FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA

“November is Foundation Month. There is no better time of the year to be reminded of the generosity from supporters who believed in our projects. As the charitable arm of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, the ROTARY FOUNDATION is the engine that powers so many ROTARY projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our area of focus.

This month I am asking 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. Thank you for giving your all to ROTARY. You are the reason that ROTARY is able to do more and grown more. Let’s continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives.*”

AROUND TOWN

A reminder that if you wish to donate a frozen turkey to be used for the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner, you can bring them to the VFW Club by Saturday, November 20.

The parade of lights downtown is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 2 beginning at 6:00. Yes, the parade WILL be held on North Cedar, which engineers say will be paved and ready for use. If your business wants to be a part of the parade, you can call Julia at the Chamber office or e-mail at jseykora@owatonna.org.

Did You Know? Ralph Samuelson of Lake City was credited with inventing water skiing on Lake Pepin; in the summer of 1922. After several failed attempts, the then-18-year-old rode the waves aboard a pair of nine-foot-long pine planks from the local lumberyard. He mastered a jump three years later and began performing ski shows. Samuelson, who never patented his invention, became a turkey farmer after injuring himself on the water.

So anyway: A senior citizen said to his 80-year-old buddy: “So I hear you’re getting married?” “Yep!” “Do I know her?” “Nope” “This woman, is she good looking?” “Not really”. “Is she a good cook?” “Naw, she can’t cook too well.” “Does she have lots of money?” “Nope, Poor as a church mouse”. “Why in the world would you want to marry her then?” “Because she can still drive!”