

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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

October 22: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff

October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board/City Council

November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Hjelmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Rotary Foundation

December 3: Mike Becker, Dist. Gov.

December 10: Judge Luening: Veteran's Court

December 17: Holiday cheer and songs: Jeff Elstad and Kim Cosens

December 24: No meeting

December 31: No meeting

January 7: Maddy Lykken: "New Generation Exchange"

January 14: Laura Beasley, Dean of Nursing, Riverland College: New Medical Assistant program in Owatonna

January 21: Iringo: "This is Romania"

January 28: Mac Hamilton, Developer

February 4: Al Zdrzil: "Fight Against Human Trafficking"

February 11: Open

February 18: Open

February 25: Open

March: All Mondays open

April: All Monday's open

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Monday, October 22, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Candidates for Steele County Sheriff: Lon Thiele (I) and Darrin Helget

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Klawiter, Oct. 24

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

We are currently looking for mentors from our club to share their knowledge and advice to seniors at Owatonna High School. The commitment is one hour per month for the months of November through May. The program will run from 10:07 a.m.-11:07 a.m. in the Options area of the school. Dates include November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11 and May 6. If you can help contact Amanda Heilman ([aheilman@isd761.org](mailto:aheilman@isd761.org)).

Is your family participating in activities that our Exchange Student, Iringo, would enjoy? If you could include her in an upcoming activity, please contact ROTARIAN Tanya Paley at 455-1180. Iringo is also in search of a warm winter coat, size small or medium and women's winter boots, size 7.5. If you can help, please call Traci at 456-6266 or Tanya at 573-1913.

World Polio Day is this Wednesday, Oct. 24. This is a tremendous opportunity for clubs to highlight ROTARY and our historic work to eradicate polio in their own communities. It is also a great way to take advantage of the challenge from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: For every dollar that ROTARY raises for polio eradication, the Gates Foundation will give two more. *Be the Inspiration* for a polio-free world!

REGISTER FOR THE 2019 ROTARY CONVENTION IN HAMBURG AT [RICONVENTION.ORG](http://RICONVENTION.ORG).

Today, one of the six areas of focus by ROTARY is promoting peace. Every ROTARY service project, whether funded with a district grant or a global grant, has an impact on peace. It could be a peace project, an economic and community development project, a water and sanitation project, a basic education and literacy project or a project is one of our human health-related areas. The ultimate outcome makes a positive contribution to our world by improving the quality of life for those affected, and that improvement is an element of peace.

Here's one for the books! A Utah family is out more than \$1,000 after their toddler found an envelope stuffed with cash and fed it into a shredder. The two-year-old often helps his mom shred junk mail so when he saw the fat envelope filled with cash to be used for football season tickets, he knew just what to do. His parents frantically searched the house for the cash and eventually found the shredded bills in the trash. His mother said, "This was one of those moments where you just have to laugh!"

Did you know? The actor E.G. Marshall was born in Owatonna. His actual name was Everett Grunz. The family left town when he was an infant and he never credited Owatonna as his birthplace. He had two stepcousins living in Owatonna....the late Gwen Fichten and Elaine Beich who still lives here today.

The final Meet the Candidates Forum will be held next week. We have invited the City Council Candidates and the School Board Candidates to be our guests.

An interview with Gertie, age 101: Reporter: "Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?" Gertie: "For better digestion, I drink beer and in the case of high blood pressure I drink Scotch. For low blood pressure I drink red wine, and when I have a cold I drink Schnapps." Reporter: "When do you drink water?" Gertie: "I've never been that sick!"