

# 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

August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative

August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative

September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts

September 24: Steele County United Way

October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

October 8: Meet the Candidates: State

October 15: Meet the Candidates: County

October 22: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff

October 29: Meet the Candidates: City

November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, 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

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Monday, September 10, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** “Steele County Workforce Initiative”: Brad Meier, Tanya Paley, Sonji Davis and Anisha Zak

**BIRTHDAYS:** Chuck Driessen, Brock Veldman (Sept.6). David Vandergon (Sept.8), Tim Kluender and Lon Thiele, (Sept.9).

**IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Iringo, RomanA

**SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Welcome to Payton Jorgenson, Melia Olsen, Jessica Pieper and Joseph Edel

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Barry Rassin: “Imagine if we could take a snapshot capturing all of the work ROTARY does on a given day. No one, except ROTARIANS would believe that a single organization was capable of so much. In that snapshot, you would see dedicated volunteers working to eradicate polio, setting up microloans, providing clean water, mentoring youth, and countless other actions.

We can do all this, thanks both to our geographic reach and to the fact that our clubs are made up of people who are engaged in their communities. As part of the community that you serve, you know the needs, you have the connections, and you’re able to take immediate action. That’s why every ROTARY club’s membership should reflect the diversity of its community.”

November 5 is the date we will present the annual Vern White award to a non-ROTARIAN in the community whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto, “Service Above Self” and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the 4-Way test.

Your input is needed in the form of nominations of such a person. Nomination forms are available at the registration desk or on our ROTARY website. Questions can be answered by ROTARIAN Roger Warehime. September 17 is the deadline date to submit nominations.

You are invited by Owatonna Parks and Recreation to attend the ribbon cutting of the new 18<sup>th</sup> Street trail connecting with Kaplan’s Woods tonight at 5:30. The new trail is asphalt and lit.

ROTARIANS are invited to the State School Orphanage fall open house this Saturday, September 15. The fundraising event for “The Children Remembered Orphanage Legacy Trust” will be held at the State School orphanage grounds.

**HOW TO BEAT ICE CREAM HEADACHES:** Brain freezes, or ice cream headaches, occur when cold beverages or food touch a sensitive nerve cluster at the back of the roof of your mouth. With ice cream, you can reduce the risk by letting it warm until stirrable, at which point it tastes better too. And, try flipping your spoon so that the ice cream touches your tongue first, not the roof of your mouth.

If you do get a brain freeze, press the pad your thumb to the roof of your mouth or just cram your tongue up there to warm the area. If you can find something warm to drink, that’ll stop the pain too.

So anyway: A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near-death experience. Seeing God she asked, “Is my time up?” God said, “No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live.” Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, “I thought you said I had another 33 years? Why didn’t you pull me from out of the path of that ambulance?” (You’ll love this!) God replied, “I didn’t recognize you!”