

# Rotary O-Pinion

## IMAGINE ROTARY

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

- August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
- September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
- September 12: Patrick Longono IMPACT
- September 19: Jeff Mundale, Owatonna Police Chief
- September 26: ROTARY...100
- October 3: Meet the Candidates: School Board (Meeting to run 11:30-1:30 due to large number of candidates)
- October 10: Meet the Candidates: City Council
- October 17: Meet the Candidates: Congressional
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative
- October 31: Meet the Candidates: Sheriff
- November 7: Steele County United Way, Tom Worhach
- November 14: Vern White Award luncheon (meeting starts at 11:30)
- November 21: Jenny Gollhofer, Owatonna Postmaster
- November 28: Club celebration/100 years plus Foundation windup
- December 5: Kory Kath, OHS Principal: "Preparing for the Move"
- December 12: Open
- December 19: Open
- December 26: No meeting
- January 2: No meeting

## **ROTARY NOTES**

Monday, September 19, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from our new police chief, Jeff Mundale

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mike Gandrud and Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18, Mathew Hughes, Sept. 20

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Bella Barrie, Blake Burmeister, Charlie Tucker and Jonny Clubb

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

October 10 is the deadline date to submit names for the Paul Harris Vern White Award. Nomination forms are available from ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

It's the "Magic of Rotary" to be held October 28. There will be dinner followed by a Comedy/Magic Show by professional magician Alan Smola. Tickets will be available soon.

Do you know what ROTARY'S mission is? It's to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

### **ROTARIANS IN ACTION**

While Silicon Valley is among the world's most affluent locales, hunger and income disparities strain food distribution programs in the area. For the past two years, the ROTARY Club of Saratoga, California, has been a continuing presence at Martha's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in San Jose, where members prepare food once monthly. The club coordinated the \$95,000 purchase of a refrigerated box truck so the facility could collect perishables and goods donated by organizations. This eliminates food spoilage. With \$3,000 contributed by the ROTARY Club of Bangalore West, India, the project shows the power of international friendships.

### **NOTES FROM AROUND TOWN**

\*New office manager at the Owatonna Country Club is Courtney Keller of Owatonna. Greet her as you leave the club today.

\*The name of the Minnesota Department of Transportation newest snowplow at the Owatonna headquarters is "Blizzard Wizard" submitted by Ranae Seykora of Owatonna. For her winning entry, Ranae receives a monthly ice cream treat from Owatonna Dairy Queen.

So anyway: Almost 500 people were in their seats as the inaugural journey of the California Bullet Train got under way. When the train left San Francisco, and Began speeding through tunnels and over bridges along the San Andreas fault, an assuring voice came over the loudspeaker. "Ladies and gentlemen, there is no crew on this train, but there is nothing to worry about. This entire system is fully computerized and automated. You will be transported to Southern California at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour in perfect safety. Every single operation has been tested and re-tested. Be assured that there is not the slightest chance that anything can go wrong....go wrong....go wrong....go wrong....."