

# 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

August 12: Brian Wright, Park and Rec. Scholarships  
August 19: Christian Berg, OPD...Human Trafficking  
August 26: Nikki Erickson: "Visiting My Mother's Murderer"  
September 2: No Meeting...Labor Day  
September 9: SPAMBassadors from Hormel in Austin  
September 16: Steele County United Way  
September 23: Richard DeBeau and Alan Anderson: Climate Change and Rotary Action Team  
September 30: Visit from District Governor Paul Perez  
October 7: Fire Chief Mike Johnson...Fire Prevention Week and demo of newest fire engine  
October 14: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools  
October 21: Al Smith Pencil Drawings  
October 28: Matt Hughes: Young Professionals  
November 4: Presentation of Vern White Award  
November 11: Open  
November 18: Foundation Month...Roger Wareheim  
November 25: Open

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Monday, September 9, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to the “Spambassadors” from the Austin, Mn. Spam Museum. Your lunch today will include Spam.

**NEXT WEEK:** Steele County United Way

**BIRTHDAYS:** Chuck Driessen, Sept. 6, David Vandergon, Sept. 8, Lon Thiele, Sept. 9

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Ethan Stockwell, Evan Krueger, Tessa Schirmer and Miles Kuhn

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Reyk from Germany

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

David Albrecht has resigned from the club, citing commitments to his job.

## **A NOTE TO ALL ROTARIANS FROM AMANDA HEILMAN, OWATONNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

“We are planning the STRIVE program for this school year and we want to reach out to our ROTARY members who would like to serve as a mentor for the program. The STRIVE program is a mentoring program for high school seniors that places an emphasis on preparing for post-graduation opportunities and responsibilities. ROTARIANS mentor and encourage students by sharing their experiences, knowledge, and advice to help motivate and inspire students to make the most of their school year.

“STRIVE meetings are held once a month on Thursdays at Owatonna High School from 10:07-11:07 a.m. The dates are: November 7, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9. The STRIVE graduation will be held at your meeting on April 20.”

If you are able to join the mentorship program, please contact Amanda Heilman at 444-8605.

ROTARIANS are reminded of a wine and beer tasting event benefitting the Patient Care Fund at Hospice House this Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Holiday Inn. Tickets in advance are \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door. Contact ROTARIAN Earl Anderson for tickets or you can purchase them at Cashwise Liquor, the Homestead Hospice House or Old Town Bagels.

## **Highest Place on Earth!**

Did you know? The highest place on Earth is the summit of Mount Everest. Imagine yourself on a plane in mid-flight. A common sustained altitude is about 35,000 feet. You know how that looks from a window seat. Well, the peak of Mount Everest is about 29,000 feet. So, if you flew right over it, the summit of the mountain, complete with any climbers, would be only a mile or so beneath you!

By the way, the deepest part of the ocean (the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific) is about 36,000 feet from the floor to the surface!

Think of someone who you feel deserves to be considered for the Paul Harris/Vern White Award to be issued on November 4. This award is presented to a non-ROTARIAN 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.

Nomination forms will be available soon.

Rodney Dangerfield said it:

\*A girl phoned me and said, “Come on over There’s nobody home.” I went over. Nobody was home!

\*I was going out with this girl and she started crying. I said, “Are you going to hate yourself in the morning.?” She said, “No, I hate myself now!”