

Rotary O-Pinion

UNITE FOR GOOD

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 ROTARY CLUB OF OWATONNA IS THE GO TO AND BELONG TO CLUB FOR CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS, EMBODYING SERVICE AND UPLIFTING YOUTH.

PROGRAMS

January 5: Anisha Zak, Junior Achievement

January 12: Todd Utpadel: Musicians for Cancer

January 19: Open

January 26: Business

February 2: Deb McManimon: St. Vincent DePaul Society

February 9: Open

Feb. 16: State of the City

Feb. 23: Rick Heidick, Rotary "Lift" Program

March 2: Open

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Monday, January 5, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will welcome Anisha Zak of the Junior Achievement Program

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS-JANUARY: Brynn Andrix, Livia Blahosky, Sophia Schlauderaff, Addi Langlois

IN-BOUND STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

ROTARIAN John Connor will be taking over the duties of Foundation Chair from Dick Slieter beginning with the new ROTARY year. He will be working with Slieter until then to familiarize himself with the duties.

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO: "January is observed as ROTARY'S Vocational Service Month....the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do."

Be happy you're not living in 1910...over 100 years ago Here are some statistics for the year 1910:

- *The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- *Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
- *Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- *Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- *There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- *The maximum speed limit in most towns was 10 mph.
- *The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- *The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents an hour. The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- *A dentist would make \$2500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4,000 per year.
- *Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION, instead they attended so-called medical schools
- *More than 95% of all births took place at home.
- *Sugar cost four cents a pound, eggs were 14 cents a dozen and coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- *There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste. Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.