

# 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: Mike Jensen & Victoria Bartkowiak, LTO

January 12: Todd Utpadel: Musicians for Cancer

January 19: Dr. Jason, Mayo Clinic

January 26: Business

February 2: Deb McManimon: St. Vincent DePaul Society

February 9: Brad Meier, Chamber of Commerce

Feb. 16: State of the City

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

March 2: Amber Aaseth, Public Health Nurse

March 9: Anisha Zak: Junior Achievement

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January 12, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Todd Utpadel, Musicians for Cancer

**BIRTHDAYS:** Christy Tryhus, Jan.7

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

**INBOUND STUDENT:** Andrea, Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\***FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO:** "The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the ROTARY club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people who lacked job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training. That is the Four Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service."

\***ROTARY DIRECT; EASY, FAST, SECURE:** The ROTARY FOUNDATION'S recurring program, ROTARY DIRECT makes your regular giving faster, easier to manage, and even more secure. You can schedule a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation that empowers ROTARY members to change lives in communities close to home and around the world.

### **SO ANYWAY:**

\*A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees. Taking out his three-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

\*This is hysterical. You have to try this. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. There's nothing you can do about it and I know you're going to try it again!