

# 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, 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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### THIS WEEK:

Dr. Jason Wray Raabole, Physician Lead at the Owatonna Clinic

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger, January 20, Mark Breon, January 25, Glen Meger, January 25

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Brynn Andrik, Livia Blahosky, Sophia Schlauderaff and Addi Langlois

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

### NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

\*From RI President Francesco: "It's important for you, as ROTARIANS listen to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that can help communities sustain themselves. You have the knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with ROTARY'S values creates change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you use your skills to serve."

Ken Johnson has been living with a 50 pound bear under his home in Altadena, Calif. since November. After weeks of attempting to scar off the ursine squatter with loud noises and fake dog barks, Johnson got a little help from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, which set up a cage trap near the crawl space and sprayed it with caramel and cherry scents to lure the bear outside. In a classic case of "good news, bad news", the cage was successful in that it captured the bear but not THE bear that had wandered onto Johnson's property. That bear was relocated and released, but Johnson's unwanted guest remains.

\*A well-known ROTARIAN who paid many visits to our club passed away recently. Dr. Ed Frederick, of Waseca, who used our club as a make-up club, passed away peacefully at his home. He was 95 years old and had maintained perfect attendance at ROTARY meetings for decades. Ed passed as he was getting ready for his day, a fitting reflection of a man who remained active, engaged and devoted to serving others throughout his life. He was a staunch ROTARIAN, deeply committed to Service Above Self and he leaves behind a legacy of quiet leadership, generosity and unwavering dedication to his community. He was the first District Governor of 5960. He relished in meeting the new District Governors each year and seeing them installed.

Thanks to all ROTARIANS who range the bell for the Salvation Army

Finally: Most people write "congrats" because they don't know how to spell congratulashions!