

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: Dan Jacott: Manager, Owatonna Country Club

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

March 2: Amber Aaseth, Public Health Nurse

March 9: Anisha Zak: Junior Achievement

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Monday, January 26, 2026

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THIS WEEK: John Connor will be leading the meeting which is the monthly Business Meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: Glen Meger, Jan 25, Tom Dufrense, January 28

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Brynn Andrix, Livia Blakosky, Sophia Schlauderaff, Addi Langlois

NEXT MONTH'S STUDENTS: Lauren Packard, Attley Klemmensen, Anna Hilgendorf, Lucy Jacobs

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A long-time ROTARIAN, Dr. Pat Greenwood passed away this past week. Funeral services were last Saturday. Dr. Greenwood was quiet but a loyal ROTARIAN and until his health prohibited he was a regular attendee of the club meetings. He was a respected doctor at the Owatonna Clinic.

FROM RI PESIDENT FRANCESCO

"This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs? Let integrity guide you. Let the Four Way Test light your path. And let young people who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters. Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do."

THIS YEAR'S RI CONVENTION WILL BE IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN, JUNE 13-17. REGISTER AT CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG. SACRED TEMPLES, CLOUD-BUSTING SKYSCRAPERS, MOUNTAIN GETAWAYS, INCOMPARABLE FOOD AND A DAZZLING NIGHTLIFE GREET YOU.

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So Anyway: While I was watching the football game, my wife and I got into a conversation about life and death and the need for living wills. During the course of the conversation, I told her that I never wanted to exist in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and taking fluids from a bottle. She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all my beer. Sometimes it's tough being married to a smart alec!