

# Rotary *O-Pinion*

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

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 PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROTARY IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

### PROGRAMS

Jan. 20: Charlie Mandile, Executive Director, Free Clinic

Jan 27: Business Meeting/Erin Baker, Camp Enterprise Attendee

Feb 3: Christina Wright-Peterson, Executive Director: Season's Hospice

Feb. 10: Pearl Randon, United Way Youth Support Coordinator

Feb. 17: Open

Feb. 24: Business Meeting: Classification Talk and review of Owatonna, 2024: Brad Meier

March 3: Kris Busse: State of the City

March 10: Edna Ringhofer, Healthy Seniors

March 17: Tim Penny

March 24: Business Meeting

April 7: Open

April 14: Open

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 27, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Business items plus we will hear from Erin Baker who attended Camp Enterprise

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Dufresne, Jan. 28

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Isabella Schultz, Brielle Burns, Logan Langeberg, Lilly Trager and Hannah Parrish

**NEXT MONTH'S STUDENTS:** Anna Knoll, Hannah Nelson, Amanda Clubb, Lauren Nelson and Karys Richardson

**INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Lea, Belgium

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Stephanie A. Urchick: "If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? Are your meetings fun? Do your members feel that they belong? Our club thrives on membership. Don't hesitate to bring along a prospective member to one of our meetings. Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive ROTARY that every member can feel proud to be a part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living *The Magic of ROTARY.*"

Looking for ROTARY apparel? Contact ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

Mentorship sparks passion and opens doors to new possibilities. That's one of the many reasons ROTARY members dedicate their time to help others reach their potential. Mentoring and inspiring generations of leaders...that's what people of action do.

A 59 year old German man is attempting to set a world record by living in a submerged sea capsule for four months. Rudiger Koch, an aerospace engineer, has spent more than 70 days in his 322 foot capsule, which is equipped with a TV, a computer with internet, a bed and a stationery bike. Meals are sent down from a support team via a vertical tube. "I don't feel like I'm suffering down here at all," he said. He hopes to beat the 100day for living under water."

So anyway: Due to the rising costs of medical tests, all you have to do is pee under a tree and wait for a bit: If ants gather, you've got diabetes, If the grass dries up, it's high salts. If it smells like barbecue, you're cholesterol's high, and if you forget to pull up your pants, you've got Alzheimers!