

Rotary O-Pinion

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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

February 2: Deb McManimon: St. Vincent DePaul Society

February 9: Brad Meier, Chamber of Commerce

Feb. 16: Scott Kozelka, Manager, SCFF: Launching of "Spring into Summer"

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

March 2: Amber Aaseth, Public Health Nurse

March 9: Anisha Zak: Junior Achievement

March 16: Dan Jacott, Manager, Owatonna Country Club

March 23: Tour: Lakeside Foods

March 30: Patricia McLeese. Greater Rochester Rotary Club and Dist Foundation Chair.

April 6: Jenna Tuma, City Administrator: "State of the City"

April 16: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff

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Monday, February 16, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: SCFF Manager Scott Kozelka on launching "Spring into Summer"

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR FEBRUARY: Lauren Packard, Attley Klemmenson, Anna Hilgendorf and Lucy Jacobs

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea from Italy.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCISCO: "Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet, fear often blocks that path...fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance of aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. ROTARY embraces this idea. Our ROTARY Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict. Just an example: In Columbia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 ROTARY FOUNDATION Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty and food insecurity so peace can take root."

Today is President's Day. Here is some Presidential trivia:

1. _____ was the only president to have been a preacher
2. The Teddy Bear is named after President _____
3. How many presidents have died in office? _____
4. President _____ thought the earth was flat
5. Who was the oldest president in history? _____
6. What is the most popular profession of the presidents? _____
7. _____ was the tallest president?
8. Who was the first president to visit all 50 states _____?
9. Which state is the birthplace of the greatest number of presidents? _____

(answers below)

ANSWERS TO PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA: 1. Garfield, 2. Teddy Roosevelt, 3. eight, 4. Jackson, 5. Trump, 6. lawyers, 7. Lincoln, 8. Nixon, 9: Virginia.

A BUSINESS NOTE: Pizza Hut in Owatonna has closed permanently