

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

February 23: Rick Heidick "Rotary "Lift" Program

March 2: Amber Aaseth, Public Health Nurse

March 9: Anisha Zak: Jr. Achievement

March 16: Dan Jacott, Manager, Owatonna Country Club

March 23: On-Site Tour: Lakeside Foods

March 30: Business plus Patricia McLeese, Greater Rochester Rotary: "Unite for Good"

April 6: Jenna Tuma: City Manager: "State of the City

April 13: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff

April 20: In-Bound Exchange Student, Andrea

April 27: Business plus Ed Boeve, Past District Governor

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Monday, March 2, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Amber Aaseth, Steele County Public Health Nurse

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Mundale and Ryan Gillespie, March 2, Sara McKay, March 3

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Grace Lu and Alexandra McGuire

IN-BOUND STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

FROM IN-BOUND PRESIDENT FRANCISCO: "Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, ROTARY Clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony. In a world filled with fear, ROTARY cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can *Create Lasting Impact* across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

*ROTARIAN Chad Lange is in Benedictine recuperating from a broken hip as a result of his snowmobile rolling over and throwing him and wife Karen onto the ice on the lake where their cottage is located. He will be laid up for 4 to 6 weeks. Karen suffered fractured vertebrae in her back.

*From Lois: "You are invited! The District ROTARY FOUNDATION, our club and the Early Edition are hosting a Club Pub Crawl on Thursday, March 19, at Mineral Springs Brewery, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our clubs are providing pizza and the District is providing first beverage. (Remember, the Pale Hale Ale!). Special prize drawings, Bring a guest or prospective member. Our area special grant projects will be featured along with a Foundation message."

*A bit of Owatonna history: This past Wed, Feb 25, was the anniversary date when Owatonna said "farewell" to its mobilized units of the 135th Infantry, known as the "Red Bull Division". i Its members were leaving for a year of field training at Camp Claiborne, La. A throng of close to 2,000 milled about the special train which had stopped at Union Station on Front Street to watch the soldiers depart. The Elks Band played lively marches and patriotic songs. Members of the American Legion Post and the Elks Lodge led the farewell parade from the downtown Armory to the train station. The train of three baggage and three kitchen cars, ten tourist Pullmans and one standard Pullman made up the train.

*Some Minnesota facts: The state song of Minnesota is "Someday the Vikings will...aw never mind"; The Mall of America covers 9.5 million square feet and has enuf space to hold 185,000 teenagers yapping away on their cell phones; Downtown Mpls. has an enclosed skyway system covering 52 blocks, allowing people to live, work, eat and sleep without ever going outside. The only downside is that a Norwegian occasionally turns up missing!