

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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PROGRAMS

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, S.E. Minnesota Initiative Fund

March 24: Tim Murray, Bravo Zulu House, Winnebago

March 31: Business Meeting

April 7: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College

April 14: Tim Walsh, Executive Director of Beauterre (located in former Gainey Center).

April 21: Open

April 28: Business Meeting

May 5: Camp RYLA Students

May 12: STRIVE student

May 19: In-Bound Exchange Student Lea from Belgium

May 26: No Meeting...Memorial Day

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Monday, March 3, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: ROTARIAN Kris Busse will present the "State of the City".

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Mundale, March 2, Sara McKay, March 3

STUDENT ROTARIANS, MARCH: Welcome to Averi Vetsch, Anna Mollenhauer, Threse Wunderlich and Alia Kubicek

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Lea, Belgium

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK: "March is here, and for ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month. It's a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work. This month is an opportunity to reflect on "The Magic of ROTARY and the profound impact we create when we come together with determination and purpose. Our global family has the incredible potential to create change. Water projects exemplify our reach, our partnerships, and our unwavering commitment to changing lives."

AROUND TOWN

The musical "Mamma Mia" is this year's Owatonna High School musical. This is one you won't want to miss. It features the music of ABBA. Performances are this Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 7 at 7 :00 p.m. and Saturday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. .Tickets will be available at the door IF they are available. All tickets are for reserved seating and must be purchased online or at the door. Tickets will not be sold at the high school.

The Owatonna Master Gardeners need ROTARIAN'S help. The Master Gardeners have developed what they are calling a "Star Garden" last summer where they grew herbs of all kinds. The name has now been changed to "Star Garden" and the garden committee has been in discussion with the fair staff and members of the fair board as to what they can do next. The committee would like to know what members of the public would like to see in that area, which is located west of the FFA barn and north of the Steele Saloon. If you have any ideas, please e-mail Lorrie Rugg at brow3298@umn.edu. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

So anyway: A young woman was pulled over by a Minnesota State Trooper for speeding. The trooper walked to her window, his ticket book open. She said, "I'll bet you're going to try and sell me a ticket to the Minnesota State Trooper's Ball." He replied, "Minnesota State Troopers don't have balls." There was a moment of silence. He closed his ticket book, tipped his hat, got back in his patrol car and left."