

# 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 ROTARY CLUB OF OWATONNA IS THE GO TO AND BELONG TO CLUB FOR CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS, EMBODYING SERVICE AND UPLIFTING YOUTH.**

### PROGRAMS

*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: Exchange Student Lea from Belgium*

*April 28: Business Meeting*

*May 5: Police Chief Jeff Mundale and Command Staff*

*May 12: Camp RYLA student*

*May 19: OHS National Honor Society*

*May 26: No Meeting...Memorial Day*

*June 2: Emily Willock, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, Crisis Resource Center*

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday March 17, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Former Congressman and President of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund. Tim Penny will be retiring this summer.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lea (from Belgium) March 20<sup>th</sup>

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Alia Kubicek, Theresa Wunderlich, Anna Mollenhauer, Averi Vetsch

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Lea from Belgium

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**A NOTE FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE URCHICK:** "March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month. It's a time to shine the spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of 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. Whether its joining forces with local organizations, forming alliances with international agencies, or mobilizing your community, every step we take together brings us closer to a world where everyone has access to clean water and safe sanitation."

**A Few Random Thoughts:** \*I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger. \*I can't remember the last time I was KIND of tired! \*"Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this.....ever! \*I disagree with Kay Jewelers. On any given Friday or Saturday night, more kisses begin with Miller Lights than Kay!

### **THE REST OF THE O'PINION IS DEDICATED TO THE IRISH ON THIS ST. PADDY'S DAY**

\*O'Reily is walking through a graveyard when he comes across a headstone with the instruction: "Here lies a politician and an honest man." "Faith now." exclaims O'Riley, "I wonder how they got the two of them in one grave!"

\*An Irish priest is driving and gets stopped for speeding. The trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath, then sees an empty wine bottle on the car floor. He said, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

\*Shortly after the man took off an Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the air hostess nervously announced that the catering department made a terrible mistake. There were 226 passengers on board and only 80 dinners were received. She apologized but said that anyone who's kind enough to give up their meal to someone who's hungry would receive free unlimited drinks for the entire flight. The next announcement came two hours later when she said, "If anyone is hungry, we still have 80 dinners available!"