

# 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 24, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Tim Murray: Bravo Zulu House. Veteran sobriety is the #1 barrier to successfully treating PTSD. The VA confirms that most PSDT sufferers abuse drugs and alcohol, so we created Bravo Zulu House in Southern Minnesota. Bravo Zulu House is the FIRST, all military sober home exclusively focused on the unique sober housing needs of our veterans suffering from PTSD.

Bravo Zulu House has partnered with Veterans Organizations...American Legion, VFW, and Disabled Americans of Minnesota. Advisory board chairman, Jack Zimmerman, a Purple Heart recipient, helps insure that we are meeting and exceeding the needs of our veterans in every aspect of our planning and execution.

**A NOTE FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK:** "When we make use of ROTARY grants and advocate for clean water in our communities, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual projects. As we embrace the spirit of the month, I encourage every ROTARY member to seek out new partnerships. Collaboration multiplies our efforts and helps us reach more people in need."

### **SHORT NOTES:**

\*A new ROTARY Fellowship focused on artificial intelligence was added this past fall.

\*The ROTARY FOUNDATION raised over \$1.4 million in support of giving Tuesday.

\*The RI Board renewed ROTARY'S partnership with the Peace Corps through Oct., 2007.

\*Hundreds of ROTARY Clubs will take part in an annual Epic Day of Service on May 17.

Water is something we all need to survive, but billions of people live without safe drinking water. A gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S Annual Fund supports member-led projects that help people access clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Your donation will fund sustainable, life-changing efforts in the communities that need our help most.

The 2025-26 RI President is MarioCesar Martins de Camargo of Brazil. Professionally, de Camargo was president of a printing company in Brazil. He has served as president and chair of several printing and graphics trade associations. He has been on the board of Casa da Esperanca (House of Hope), a medical center in Santo Andre sponsored by his ROTARY Club.

So Anyway: \*Ole and Lena went to the Olympics. While sitting on a bench a lady turned to Ole and said, "Are you a pole vaulter?" Ole said, "No, I'm Norwegian and my name isn't Valter!"

\*Finally: I don't watch football, so I don't know who Taylor Swift is...but he sounds fast!