

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

Mar 2: Amber Aaseth, Public Health Nurse

Mar. 9: Anisha Zak, Junior Achievement

March 16: Canceled due to weather

March 23: Off site tour...Lakeside Foods

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

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

April 13: Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff

April 20: Andrea, In-Bound Exchange Student

April 27: Ed Boeve, Past District Governor

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Monday, March 30, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Items of business plus we will hear from Patricia McLeese of the Greater Rochester Club addressing "Unite for Good".

BIRTHDAYS: None

IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

***EVERY ROTARIAN-EVERY YEAR:** Your gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can provide clean water. 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 the most.

*Did you know? The ROTARY CLUB of Tokyo Hiroo Japan embarked on a melodic mission collaborating with the ROTARY CLUB of Beverly Hills, California to bring the music therapy program "Music Mends Minds" to people with Alzheimers. Over several visits, club members brought drums, cowbells and other percussion instruments to care facilities and encouraged participants to clap along as the ROTARIANS struck up tunes. "Music Mends Minds" helps older adults with memory loss reengage" says Miyuki Ochi, president of the club. "Watching older adults faces light up through music is one of the greatest joys of our service."

*ROTARIAN Edna Ringhofer has announced the couples that will be competing in this year's "Dancing with Our Steele County Stars" on Saturday, April 18. Those competing include Emily and Mrk Pearson, Stephanie and Andrew Thigpen, Jen and Bryan Culligan, Aryanna and Aaron Kreutter, Patricia and Mike Kurtz, Kelly and Dan Boomgarden, Amy and John Green and Melissa Olson and Chris Goihl. A social and raffle will take place at 6:00 pm, and the program at 7:00. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and available at the Healthy Seniors office and from participating dancers.

*It's time to be thinking of our flowers that beautify downtown Owatonna.

this year there will be 147 flower baskets, up 17 from last year. The flower baskets are funded entirely by donations. You can find the form at owatonnainmainstreet.org or on the Chamber's Facebook page. Each donation is tax deductible. Thanks to Cedar Valley Services, the city of Owatonna and Souba Greenhouses for the partnership each year.

*So anyway: Wife looking in her closet: Just think, after 25 years it still fits me!" Husband: It's a scarf." That's when the fight started.