

# 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 31, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Business meeting

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kristine Wright Peterson, March 30, Dick Slieter and Loren Olson, April 6

**LAST DAY FOR:** Averil Vetsch, Anna Mollanbauer, Theresa Wunderlich and Alia Kubicek

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A reminder from Lois that when you purchase a \$1.00 drawing ticket, half of the ticket of \$.50 goes toward the expenses of the journals and pen which are distributed to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Owatonna each fall. You can help with your donation of \$1.00.

\*The ROTARY BRAND CENTER has dozens of videos for you to enhance our meetings, engage with our community, and help tell the ROTARY story. These high-quality videos promote our campaigns and causes, showing that we're people of action and saving you time and expense of creating them. Visit **[brandcenter.rotary.org](http://brandcenter.rotary.org)** and explore the video selection.

\*Did you know? ROTARY'S leadership model is more flexible and ultimately more powerful than anything offered in the corporate world.

\*In case you wanted to know, the date for the OHS Prom is April 26. It will be held at the high school. Grand March starts at 8:00 p.m. Cost for the public at the door is \$5.00. The theme is "The Great Gatsby".

\*147 flower baskets will be going up in downtown Owatonna near the end of May. The Main Street committee increased from 130 to 147 because of generous donations from our community. Now, money raised each year will be applied to next year. The cost to grow and care for each basket is approximately \$130.00. The cost is covered entirely by donations. If you would like to donate to the Main Street Flower Fund, drop off a check to the Chamber of Commerce, made out to OACCT with "flower fund" in the memo. Mail to 120 South Oak. Questions? Call Lisa Cochran at 507-451-7970 or [lochran@owatonna.org](mailto:lochran@owatonna.org). Your contribution is tax deductible.

**So Anyway:** I asked my son when I was visiting him if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century," he said. "I don't waste money on newspapers. Here, borrow my iPad. I can tell you that fly never knew what hit him!"

\*So, I've been barking for 20 minutes and you keep telling me to shut up and keep ignoring me. Anyway, your car is gone!