

# 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

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  
May 4: Alan Anderson, former OHS grad: "Climate Change"  
May 11: Taylor Havelka, Camp RYLA report  
May 18: OHS National Honor Society as guests  
May 25: No meeting...Memorial Day

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 6: 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from City Administrator Jenna Tuma on "State of the City"

**BIRTHDAYS:** Richard Slieter and Loren Olson, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson, April 9

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Sophia Cook, Majorie Pick, Alexandra McGuire and Grace Lu

**IN-BOUND STUDENT:** Andrea, Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Francesco: "Women around the world face moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures. "Together for Healthy Families" in Nigeria is an example. The organization exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training front line workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult. This work reflects the very heart of ROTARY service. Services is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

### **AROUND TOWN**

This past week, the volunteer Hospice House Board of Directors announced its decision to sell the residential hospice facility and surrounding acreage to establish a new fund dedicated to supporting end-of-life services for patients and families in the surrounding communities. The decision follows several years of efforts to identify another organization that could operate a residential program at the site. In July 2023, Allina Health announced the closure of its residential hospice program which had operated out of the Homestead House for nearly 20 years.

Proceeds from the sale, along with existing assets, will be used to create a long-term fund that supports end-of-life care services in the community. This approach allows the organization to remain true to its original by-laws, established more than 25 years ago, while adapting to the evolving landscape of hospice care. This plan honors the intent of those who helped build the Homestead Hospice House, those who received care here, and the many community members who supported the house through their time, talent and generosity", said Kasey Kamholz Kamholz, president of the Hospice House Board.

So anyway: What do you get when you cross a doorbell and a hummingbird: Ans: A humdinger.