

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

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Monday, April 13, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We're happy to welcome a former member of our club, Sheriff Lon Thiele, who has also indicated he will be running for another term as Steele County Sheriff this November.

BIRTHDAYS: Bruce Paulson, April 13

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Sophia Cook, Majorie Pick, Alexandra McGuire, Grace Lu

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

***FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO:** "Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. ROTARY understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested."

*Did you know? The world saw 44 confirmed cases of polio (31 in Pakistan) and (13 in Afghanistan) in 2025, a 56% decrease from 2024.

*You are invited to "Coffee and Conversation" with public schools Superintendent Tammy Champa this Friday, April 17 from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the school district office, 333 East School.

*ROTARIAN Edna Ringhofer reminds fellow ROTARIANS that the 2026 edition of Dancing with the Steele County Stars will be held this coming Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 in the Owatonna High School auditorium. If you are coming last minute, to the show, tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

*A Purses and Coolers Bingo to benefit the July 4 fireworks display, will be held at the Eagles Club this Friday, April 17. This year, in that it's the 250th birthday of the USA, a \$30,000 show is being planned. You are all invited.

*Remember, if you wish to donate to the ROTARY FOUNDATION, give your donation to Dick Slieter or John Connor.

*So Anyway: A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette out of the dealership. Taking down off the road, he pushed it to 80 mph. "Amazing" he thought as he flew down the interstate. Looking in his review mirror, he saw a trooper, red and blue lights flashing, and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 120. Suddenly, he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this. He then pulled over. Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his car and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding, a reason I've never heard, I'll let you go. The old gentleman paused and said, "Three years my wife ran off with a state trooper...I thought you were bringing her back!" "Have a good day sir". replied the trooper.