

# 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

April 7: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College

April 14: Tim Walsh, Executive Director of Beauterre (located in the former Gainey Center).

April 21: Exchange Student Lea from Belgium

April 28: Business Meeting/Club Tour

May 5: Police Chief Jeff Mundale and Command Staff

May 12: Camp RYLA student, Mckenzie Richer

May 19: OHS National Honor Society

May 26: No Meeting...Memorial Day

June 2: Emily Willock, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, Crisis Resource Center

June 9: Leslea Partridge, Wenger Band Festival

June 16: Open

June 23: Open

June 30: Business Meeting and Classification Talk By Jeff Hall

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, April 14, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from Tim Walsh, Executive Director of Beauterre (located in the former Gainey Center.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bruce Paulson, April 13

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Garret Stelter, Abby Shornock, Maren Smith and Isabella Muir

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**\*FROM ROTARIAN LONNA LYSNE:** “Fostering the means to end extreme poverty and sustainably improve lives” is the Mission Statement for LIFT, a district 5960 ROTARY program. Our club is asking our members to donate \$15.00 before June 30. LIFT is an acronym that stands for “Listen, Inquire, Facilitate and Transform previously known as FAST FOR HOPE. LIFT puts ownership advancement on receiving the community itself. The current operations are in Nicaragua and CONTINUES thanks to funding coming from donations and support from District 5960 memberships.”

\*Did you know? A new Learning Center course, “The importance of Eradicating Polio explains why it’s crucial that ROTARY maintains its efforts to end polio and how to take action. Enroll at **learn.rotary.org**.

\*Did you know? A new ROTARY Fellowship focused on mentoring was recognized in January.

**\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAUL HARRIS!** This Saturday, April 19, marks the 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founder’s birth. Commemorate his legacy with a gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION today. Give any gifts to ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

**From RI President Stephanie A. Urchick:** “We can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let’s seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world. This is “The Magic of ROTARY....transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.”

\*Husband to the wife: “My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today, I drove past a store that sells sweatpants!”

\*How’s getting old going you ask? Well, I turned on the wrong burner and have been cooking nothing for the last 20 minutes!”