

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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PROGRAMS

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/Tour

May 5: Police Chief Jeff Mundale and Command Staff

May 12: Camp RYLA student--- McKensie 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: Dr. Jason Wray-Raabolle, Owatonna Clinic Update

June 23: United Way: Power of the Purse...Supporting Steele County Children

June 30: Business Meeting: Installation of new officers

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Monday, May 5, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A presentation by ROTARY member Police Chief Mundale and Command Staff

BIRTHDAYS: NONE

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our May Students Lexie Klecker, Katrinia Ethen, Preslee Hodgman and Maryn Pool.

EXCHANGE STUDENT: Lea from Belgium

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

For those of you who couldn't make yesterday's ice cream social, it was announced that next year's Exchange Student will be a young man from Italy. We are in need of two host families!

FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE URCHICK

"No matter how long we've been with ROTARY, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. I urge you to check your ROTARIAN magazine for a column by Vitor Joventing, from the ROTARACT Club of Penapolis, Brazil. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformation change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn.

A ROTARIAN NOTE FROM ALAN ANDERSON OF NEARBY NORTHFIELD

There was an interesting letter in the May ROTARY magazine from Alan Anderson of the Northfield ROTARY Club. (Alan is the son of Sophie Anderson and the late Dr. Frank Anderson of Owatonna). His letter to the editor was entitled "Cause for Concern". He writes, "We have read of the incredible and growing losses from hurricanes: over \$100 billion for Helene and Milton, with 95% of the losses uninsured. The article details the fantastic response of ROTARIANS, who gave financial and boots-on-the-ground help with recovery.

Left out of the article is why hurricanes are becoming more powerful and destructive, which scientists attribute to global warming. Warmer air over the oceans evaporates more water, which can come down later in torrents like we have not seen in the past. Warmer ocean water increases the power of hurricane winds and storm surge.

ROTARY and its members should continue our great work in helping ravaged communities recover from disasters like these. But unless we address their cause....global warming...the loss of life and enormous costs will continue to get worse. Do you or your club want to learn more or help? Join the Environmental Sustainability ROTARY Action Group at esrag.org. Future generations are counting on us to pass on a livable world. Now is the time to act.

So anyway:

*It's scary when while sleeping, you make the same noises as your coffee maker!

*My memory's as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.