

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

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
June 1: Open
June 8: Dan Jacott, Manager, Owatonna Country Club
June 15: Leslea Partridge: 2026 Wenger Marching Band Festival
June 22: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College
June 29: Business

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Monday, May 11, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Taylor Havelka who attended Camp Ryla.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Auriana Meier, Keagon Springborg and Mikal Weldesrael

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*May is Youth Service month in ROTARY...a time to recognize, promote and celebrate the powerful role young people play in creating positive change, both locally and globally. ROTARY Clubs around the world dedicate this month to showcasing their commitment to the next generation of leaders through programs, partnerships and community engagement. Whether its high school students who are guests at ROTARY meetings, or emerging leaders being inspired by RYLA. Youth Service month reminds us that investing in youth means investing in a better future for all.

Finally, we still have two months remaining in this ROTARY year. This is not the time to coast. Reach out to that person you have been thinking of bringing to ROTARY and invite them to a meeting. Show them what our club does to improve the world.

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO

"When clubs like yours in Owatonna, Minnesota, host exchange students, or support youth leadership opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our ROTARY family. You also create lasting pathways into ROTARY. Thousands of young people complete ROTARY programs each year, and like yours in Owatonna, host our young people on a monthly basis at our club meetings. ROTARY'S message to the world is that we can *Unite for Good*, bringing Owatonna youth to our meetings show us how that happens in practice...when generations come together, share ideas and work side by side in service. When you invest in your Owatonna young people, we are not only sharing future leaders, we are building a stronger, more connected ROTARY today."

HOST FAMILYS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S IN-BOUND

"Open Your home, open the world! We are still looking for 3 host homes for next year's In-Bound ROTARY student. A female, she loves languages, travel and learning about the world. She enjoys reading, music and spending time with friends and family. She's excited to fully immerse herself in American life. If you are interested or know of someone who would enjoy hosting our In-Bound next year, contact ROTARIAN Mike Jensen ROTARY Youth Exchange officer at 507-456-1445 or Katie Glaser, Host Home Coordinator at 763-218-6368.