

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

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

July 7: Open

July 14: Open

July 21: Open

July 28: Business Meeting: Classification Talk by Jeff Hall

August 4: Scott Kozelka, Preview of 2025 SCFF

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Monday, May 12, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Camp RYLA Student McKensie Richer

BIRTHDAYS: Lois Nelson, May 13, Mike Jensen, May 16, Caleb Whalen, May 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Lexie Klecker, Katrina Ethen, Preslee Hodgman, Maryn Pool

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Lea from Belgium

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM VITOR JUVENTINO, A ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT:

“To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And, to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn’t just ROTARY’S future, it’s ROTARY’S present.”

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

*Next year our club will be hosting a young man from Italy. We are now asking for you to indicate that you will be available to host this student. Three host homes are needed for approximately 3 month hosting commitment. The student is interested in playing soccer, likes all types of food (Especially meat, pasta and pizza). He is studying languages in English, Spanish, Russian and Italian. He has traveled to Kenya, Spain, France, Albania, Egypt and Argentina. He says, “I would like to look at the world with new eyes, learning about new habits, places and discovering new cultures. I’m a smiling person who loves life and has fun. I always think at the well-being of my friends or my family and rarely at mine, because I’m happy if they’re happy!

If you are interested in becoming a host family or know of someone who would be a good host family, contact either ROTARIAN Mike Jensen at 507-456-1445 or e-mail him at mjensen@trimgraphics.com or Host Home Coordinator, Katie Simon at 763-218-6368 or e-mail at kjglaser1@gmail.com.

*From ROTARIAN Lonna Lysne: “The mission statement for LIFT a district 5960 ROTARY program is “Fostering the means to end extreme poverty and sustainably improve lives. Our members are asked to donate \$15.00 before June 15.” LIFT is an acronym that stands for ‘Listen, Inquire, Facilitate and Transform, previously known as FAST FOR HOPE. If you can help with a \$15.00 contribution, please get it to Lonna.

*Finally: I asked my waiter why he has his thumb on my steak. He said because he doesn’t want to drop it on the floor again.