

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 18, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to the members of the OHS National Honor Society. Speaker will be Superintendent of Public Schools Jenna Tuma

BIRTHDAYS: Caleb Whalen, May 18

INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Auriana Meier, Keagon Springborg and Mikel Weldesrael

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

How are these NHS students selected? Here's a summary of the process:

1. A list is obtained of all students in grades 11 and 12 with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
2. These students are contacted and asked to fill out the Student Activity Information Form which asks students to list co-curricular activities, leadership positions, community activities, recognition of awards received, and an essay on a topic that will be related to the National Honor Society. Students are also asked to obtain two recommendations, one from a person associated with OHS and one that is not associated with OHS such as a church leader, employer or person you have volunteered service to.
3. These forms go to the faculty selection council, consisting of 11 staff members responsible for the final selection. The faculty selection council may have discussion on each student. Each faculty member must make a vote in or out for each student based on all four NHS characteristics, academics, leadership service to others, and character. The final decision on approval of each candidate for membership is by majority vote of the council.
4. The list of selected and non-selected students will be presented to the principal. Selected members will be inducted into the NHS during an induction ceremony or other similar event.

OPEN YOUR HOME, OPEN THE WORLD

The search continues for 3 families to host our In-Bound Exchange Student. Who can host? Almost anyone. *Families with kids or no kids, *Empty Nesters, *Single parents or couples, and *first time host. Each family hosts for about three months, fall, winter and spring. Fall is Aug-Nov (helping the student to adjust to US life, winter is Nov-Mar (share holidays and seasonal experiences) and spring, Mar-June (host will enjoy a confident, independent student. Our student is a female who is a bright, curious 16-year-old from Italy who loves languages, travel and learning about the world. If you or you know of someone, even if not a ROTARIAN, let Mike Jensen know at 507-456-1445.