

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

May 25: No meeting...Memorial Day
June 1: Lisa Cochran, Main Street Director, Chamber of Commerce
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
July 6: Reane Fry, State of the County
July 13: Michael Jon Pease, Incoming District Governor
July 20: Off-site tour of Oak Hill Community Connections
July 27: Business
August 3, Open

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Monday, June 1, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Lisa Cochran, Main Street Director, Chamber of Commerce

BIRTHDAYS: None

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*The search is still on for three families to host this year's In-Bound student from Italy. If your family or the family of a friend are interested, please get word to ROTARIAN Mike Jensen. Remember, you are not doing this alone. Host families receive support from: A local ROTARY Youth Exchange Officer; a dedicated ROTARY Counselor for the student; and a regional host family support team.

*Recently, Arlen and Bev Burmeister both celebrated their 90th birthdays. Arlen was inducted several years ago as the Paul Harris/Vern White award recipient. At their birthday gathering, a comparison of prices when they were born in 1936 to today was provided. You, as ROTARIANS, will be interested in the figures:

*The average annual income in the United States was approximately \$1,368.00.

*\$0.37 for a dozen eggs and \$.08 for a loaf of bread, \$0.12 for a pound of butter.

*The average cost of a gallon of gasoline was approximately 19 cents.

*A new car typically cost between \$400 and \$800, with popular Ford models starting around \$520 to \$565.

*Rent averaged around \$18.00 monthly.

*\$1.00 in 1936 is equivalent to roughly \$23.76 today.

*The average cost of a new home was under \$4,000.

*The estimated world population in 1936 was approximately 2.2 to 3. billion people. Today it 8.3 billion.

*Approximately 40% of U.S. households had telephones and a 3-minute phone call from Washington D.C. to San Francisco was \$9.50.

*A \$10,000 expense in 1936 would feel like \$238,000 today!

FROM OWATONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement at Owatonna High School will take place this Friday, June 5, outdoors at the OHS Federated Field. Student speakers for the class are Lauren Packard and Harper Shives. Lauren is a former ROTARY Student of the Month (February).

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

*Being old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go too.

*My wife and I decided to never go to bed angry. We've been awake since last Friday.