

# 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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### PROGRAMS

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: Renae 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

August 10: Scott Kozelka, Preview of 2026 SCFF

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, June 8, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** What does it take to run a successful Country Club? Dan Jacott, Manager of the Owatonna Country Club is our guest. He will elaborate on the food business, the waitress staff, the bar, the swimming pool and membership. The condition of the golf course and the events around the course will also be addressed.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kirby Knutson, June 11, Brad Meier, June 14

**EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Andrea, Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting next year's Exchange Student from Italy, please let ROTARIAN Mike Jensen know. The student will be arriving in Owatonna in mid-August. As a host family, you'll \*Share your everyday life and traditions, \*Experience a new culture right at home, \*Build a meaningful relationship that can last a lifetime. We need two families to each host her for approximately 3.5 months each (Fall: Aug-Nov this slot is filled, Winter (Nov. March) and spring (March-June).

Our incoming student is a young lady from Italy. She is a bright, curious 16-year-old from Italy who loves languages, travel, and learning about the world. She enjoys music, reading and spending time with friends and family, and she's excited to fully immerse herself in American life.

**From RI President Francesco:** "As my year as president of ROTARY comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our Global ROTARY family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life. During this year, I have had the privilege of traveling across the world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative ROTARY Clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw ROTARY members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose."

**AROUND TOWN:** One of 8 Steele County Dairy Princesses has been selected as a finalist for Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Jena Hanson of Owatonna will be competing for the top ambassador of the Minnesota Dairy Industry in August. She is one of 10 finalists for the honor. Jena is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she is seeking a degree with plans to join the dairy industry after graduating. She is an intern at Kashome Holsteins by Medford.

**FINALLY:** "I sometimes don't understand my wife. She wants a new bathing suit because the old one had a hole in the knee!"

\*How I parallel park: Park somewhere else!

\*I've been watching my weight. It's still there!

\*If you wait long enough to make dinner, everyone will just eat cereal. It's a science!