

# 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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### PROGRAMS

June 2: Presley Morua, Domestic Violence 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: No meeting

July 14: Glenda Smith, Model T Event

July 21: Nancy Vaillencourt: Minnesota Hooded History

July 28: Business Meeting: Classification Talk by Jeff Hall

August 4: Steele County Fair preview: Scott Kozelka

August 11: Open

August 18: Open

August 25: Business

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, June 16, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Dr. Jason Wray Raabolle will give us an update on the Mayo Clinic in Owatonna.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mike Herman, June 15, Annie Harmon, June 18,

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Lea from Belgium

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Stephanie A. Urchick: "Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, ROTARY offers friendship, purpose and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals to the Four Way Test and our spirit of inclusion, we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times. The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use. Family of ROTARY, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal. You are the *Magic of ROTARY* and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Chris Busse who was honored with the Bob Filson Award for Distinguished Rural Leadership in recognition of her outstanding public service and contributions to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. This award is given to staff from CGMC member cities upon their retirement.

Also recognized was Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke who was chosen to receive the Excellence in Service Award for his strong advocacy to represent Greater Minnesota's housing needs and oppose harmful zoning and land use policy.

The need is still out for one ROTARY host family for a young man from Italy joining us this fall. Family one will host from August to November. Host families do not need to be ROTARIANS. If you or you know of someone that would enjoy being a host family, please Let ROTARIAN Mike Jensen know. It would be ideal if they had a high school student in their home.

Note that there will be no meeting on July 7.

**OOPS!** New to the area, my wife and I had been invited by neighbors to a Super Bowl Party with other neighbors. During half-time, my wife was in the kitchen helping the hostess, and the conversation turned to videos. "We made a video of all of us in San Diego", one of the women said. "Want to see it? It's in the car." She promptly ran out to get it. Minutes later, while we were watching, my wife walked in from the kitchen. "Those are the ugliest women I've ever seen in a commercial!", taking a look at the TV. We watched the second half at home.