

# 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

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 23, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** a United Way presentation on "Power of the Purse": Deb Ensley and Bonnie Krueger

**BIRTHDAYS:** Judy Plemel, June 25

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

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Calgary hosts the 2025 RI Convention at Stampede Park. Mark Stewart, co-chair of the Host Organization Committee says, "Calgary is thrilled to provide a 'White Hat' welcome to ROTARY members." Calgary sits at the junction of the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains, a vast expanse of grasslands that spans Canada and the United States. The Elbow River flows eastward, merging with the Bow River in Calgary. While history and high-rises exist side-by-side, the city is also a confluence of cultures, with people representing more than 240 ethnic origins and speaking 165 languages.

Meals of Hope. Inspiring Action, Feeding Communities and Empowering Clubs to Create a Ripple Effect of Hope. Born from the ROTARY Club of Naples, Fla, Meals of Hope has packed over 100 million meals across the United States, addressing food insecurity while strengthening communities.

Saturday morning, I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat to the van and proceeded to back out into torrential rain. The wind was blowing 50 mph, So I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back quietly into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back with the different anticipation and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible." My loving wife replied, "And can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?" That's how the fight started!

The Blooming Prairie 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee invites all ROTARIANS to their town to celebrate the July 4 holiday. There will be a full slate of entertainment, primarily in Central Park, all evening July 3 and all day July 4. The Grande parade will be held beginning at 2:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday will feature a Tractor Pull at 9 a.m and a Car and Bike Show at the Servicemen's Club from 9:00 to noon.

A reminder that there will no meeting on July 7.

June 30 is the date for the "Changing of the Guard" here at ROTARY. New officers and board members will be sworn into office. Annie Harman will be inducted as new President.

So anyway: A psychiatrist was interviewing a first-time patient. "You say you're here because your family is worried about your taste in socks?" "That's correct," muttered the patient. "I like wool socks." "But that's perfectly normal," replied the doctor. "Many people prefer wool socks to those made from cotton or acrylic. In fact, I like wool socks myself." "You DO?" said the man, "With oil and vinegar or just a lemon squeeze?"