

# 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 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: Liane Peterson, President, Steele Humane Society

August 25: Business

September 1: No meeting...Labor Day

September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, June 30, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Our monthly business meeting. This will be the annual meeting with the induction of new officers and board members.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Lea from Belgium, now on the East Coast trip.

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*Every club member is responsible for their club's success. And, as a ROTARY member, you too can use ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL to view you club's short and long-term goals.

\*A big THANKYOU to Tom Partridge for his service to the club as its president for the past year.

\*We're still looking for one more family to serve as host family for our in-bound student from Italy. Preferably a family with a high schooler in it and one that plays soccer at OHS. If you know of someone who might be interested, call Mike Jensen at Tri M Graphics. Meanwhile, the third host family has been named. They will be Mark and Stacey Wilson.

\*Steele County Free Fair brochures are in and have been distributed to businesses and restaurants in Owatonna this week. They also are available at the fair manager's office on the fairgrounds.

The fair dates are August 12-17. The theme for this year is 'Good Vibes in 2025' If you have thoughts about the 2026 theme, send it to the fair office at [www.scff.org](http://www.scff.org).

\*So anyway: A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. You look terrible! What happened?" "What do you mean?", said the pirate. "I feel fine. Bartender: "What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before." "Pirate: "Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now." Bartender: "Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?" Pirate: "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really....." Bartender: "What about that eye patch?" Pirate: "Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them pooped in my eye." Bartender: "You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird poop?" Pirate: "It was my first day with the hook."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!! NO MEETING NEXT WEEK.