

# Rotary O-Pinion

## CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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 22: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College

June 29: Business

July 6: Reane Fry, County Administrator 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: Annie Harman's Story – “The NICU Survival Kit”

August 10: Scott Kozelka, Preview of 2026 SCFF

August 17: Open

August 24: Open

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, July 6, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Reane Fry, Steele County Administrator who will address "State of the County".

**BIRTHDAYS:** Joshua Sorenson, July 2. May birthdays missed: Lois Nelson, May 13 and Mike Jensen, May 16.

**NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:** The search is on for two families to host our in-bound student from Italy. If you or you know of someone who would be interested, contact ROTARIAN Mike Jensen. The 2nd family will host Nov.-Mar. The third family will host Mar-June.

**FROM RI PRESIDENT YINKA:** "ROTARY has a way of surprising you. It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighborhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realize that the person ROTARY has changed the most .....is you! That is why this year we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to *Create Lasting Impact.*"

\*The "Music in Central Park this Thursday is the Owatonna Community Band.

\*If any of you are interested, The Anderson family want Owatonnans to know that Sophie Anderson has been moved into the Hearth of Eaglecrest Commons. Her new address is similar to the old. It is now 2945 Lincoln Drive, Apt. 214, Roseville, Minn. 55113. Sophie recently observed her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is the wife of the late Dr. Frank Anderson of Owatonna.

\*Owatonna High School Athletic Department has announced that Abby Olson has been named as the new Varsity Head Girl's Softball coach. She is no stranger to girl's softball. She has been a coach for the OHS softball program for the past 8 seasons of the head JV Coach. She was a three-sport athlete in high school where she lettered in softball, basketball and tennis. She went on to be a scholarship athlete at St. Cloud State where she was a four year starter in softball. During her playing career, Abby earned NCAA All-American honors and was selected as the St. Cloud State Senior-Student Athlete of the year.

\*I know many of you have passed the quanset hut on North Cedar across from Lakeside Foods. The building is owned by ROTARIAN Chad Lange and is now used for storage. But the building had quite a history. Randal's Lunch was originally located in that building. Harley and Marcella Randall ran the restaurant in 1963-'64. After running Randall's Lunch for a little over a year the Randalls sold it to Leo Thompson and Harley went next door to run the gas station with his brother, Charles. Marcella told me that Millie Baumgartner from Austin was the cook at Randall's Lunch. "We were open six days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We opened at 5 am and closed at 8 pm. Long days!

