

# 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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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF OWATONNA IS THE GO TO AND BELONG TO CLUB FOR CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS, EMBODYING SERVICE AND UPLIFTING YOUTH.**

### PROGRAMS

July 7: No meeting

July 14: Glenda Smith, Model T Event (Meeting in Cabana)

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: Update on Owatonna: Troy Klecker, Community Development Director

August 18: Liane Peterson, President, Steele Humane Society

August 25: Business Meeting

September 1: No meeting...Labor Day

September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages

September 15: Open

September 22: Ann Miller: Trip to Egypt

September 29: Business Meeting

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, July 14, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We meet in the Cabana. Guest will be Glenda Smith of the Chamber of Commerce who has been coordinating Owatonna hosting the International Model T event.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Greg Krueger, July 16

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

ROTARY AROUND THE NATION: The Wheel World: The ROTARY Club of Forest Grove, Oregon, brings in more than 300 for display at the long-running annual Classic Car Show on the tree-lined Pacific University campus Lot of food, music, a beer garden and a wine pavilion.

**URBAN LEGENDS\***There were some pranksters at the Owatonna High School in years gone by. A few examples: Senior Dennis stands on the corner of Security Bank. A car speeds around the town square and stops abruptly in front of Dennis. The air is filled with gunfire and Dennis falls to the ground in a red pool. Two of the car's passengers leap from the car and toss Dennis into the back seat. The car speeds off, the entire event taking only 15 seconds. Witnesses cannot identify Dennis, his assailants or the car. Soon, a bank janitor appears with a water bucket to wash the ketchup from the sidewalk.

\*In the below-zero depths of winter, the OHS furnaces worked full speed to keep the classroom spaces warm. On a particularly cold morning, a student enters the furnace room and places a large block of Limburger Cheese on top of one of the furnaces. The odor soon fills the rooms and school was soon dismissed. The perp was never identified.

**Family of ROTARY:** There is nothing we can't achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal. We must look toward the future. We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfill that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.

If you enjoyed Owatonna's July 4 fireworks, keep in mind that funds are being raised for next year's show by the sponsoring Early Edition ROTARY Club. They want to present a special show in observance of the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Send contributions to the Chamber of Commerce. Label checks "Firework's Fund".

Finally: My wife sat down next to me while I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said "Dust". That's when the fight started.