

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

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...Classification talk by Steve Hale
September 1: No meeting...Labor Day
September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages
September 15: Dr. Tammy Champa, Supt of Public Schools
September 22: Ann Miller: Trip to Egypt
September 29: Business Meeting
October 6: District Governor Mike Spellman
October 13: Nancy Vaillencourt: "Hooded History"
October 20: Serenity Knott, Community Engagement Specialist...Big Bro/Big **Sis**.
October 27: Business Meeting

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Monday, August 11, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Rotarian Troy Klecker, the man who knows what's happening in Owatonna will update us.

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Hall, August 11, Chad Lange, August 15

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*The need for ROTARIANS help is still there. We have been asked to assist again with meal service at the Aurora Diner on Wednesday, August 13. We need 6-8 ROTARIANS, children ages 10 and up to help from 2:00-5:45 p.m. and 5:50-close (8:30 to 9:00 p.m.). Sign up sheets are available at our meeting or confirm to Club Secretary Lois Nelson.

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO: "August is Membership month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year 'round. When we focus on growing ROTRY, we grow our ability to serve, to lead and to bring lasting change. Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that ROTARY continues to evolve with the world around us."

DID YOU KNOW? ROTARY and the Gates Foundation extended to 2029 their partnership to end polio, including the foundation's 2-to-1 match of funds ROTARY raises up to \$50 million per year.

FAIR NOTES: *If you have kids or grandkids, they are invited into local history with engaging hands-on activities at the Village of Yesteryear. Matilda will be churning butter on Wednesday, August 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Dunnell House. Samples will be available for all who wish to sample. This Friday, August 15, Matilda will demonstrate the art of making jam and refrigerator pickles from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bartering will be featured in the general store from 1:00-3:00 p.m. this Saturday, August 16. Children will learn the art of bartering and receive a small piece of candy.

*If you still want to purchase a Mega Ride ticket, you have until 5:00 tonight to do so. They are available at Hy-Vee in Owatonna.

So Anyway: Did you every get up in the morning, look in the mirror and say, "That can't be accurate."