

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

August 10: Scott Kozelka, Preview of 2026 SCFF

August 17: Brian Duncan, Exchange Club "One Nation, Many Stories"

August 24: Owatonna Public Safety Facilities...Police Chief Jeff Mundale and Fire Rep. Jake Bashiel

August 31: Business or possible off site tour

Sept. 7: No meeting...Labor Day

Sept. 14: ROTARY LIFT PROGRAM...Bernis Cunningham

September 21: Open

Sept. 28: Meet the candidates: School Board...Lunch at 11:30.

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Monday, August 17, 2026

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THIS WEEK: Bryan Duncan, Exchange Club: "One Nation, Many Stories" Flag Display

BIRTHDAYS: Lonna Lysne, August 19, Kris Busse, August 21, Tom Partridge, August 22

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT YINKA: "The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: Well functioning government, a sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information, high levels of human capital and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And, when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for ROTARY. Not because our work automatically advances peace, but because it can when we are deliberate about it. That is the key word, DELIBERATE. A water project does not build peace on its own. But, a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind...one that asks how equitable access to resources strengthens community trust, can begin to lay that foundation."

*Here is the tentative schedule for the upcoming candidate forums:

Sept. 28: School Board

October 5: City At Large & Ward 3

October 12: City Ward 1 and Ward 5

October 19: State Rep and State Senate

October 26: Congressional District 1

November 2: Steele County District 1 & 2

Lunch will start at 11:30 each day

*The Steele County Free Fair begins at 5:00 pm tomorrow night. Those that have purchased Mega-Ride tickets can redeem them for wrist bands beginning at 1:00 tomorrow afternoon at the Midway ticket office.

*Here's an historical question: Who ran Owatonna's only service station without an indoor garage? Car servicing such as oil changes took place year 'round at an outdoor pit.

Ans: It was Joe's National Oil, run by Joe Leverty on West Vine next to the Arnold Hotel. There was a small "shack" that Joe used for record keeping. It was the place to go to learn the latest rumors in town.

Finally My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.