

# 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: Offsite...Gandy Co.

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

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, August 24, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Owatonna Public Safety Facilities: Police Chief Jeff Mundale, Fire Dept. representatives Jake Bashiel and Charlie Seykora.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*The fair is over. Tonight the Fair Board will gather to discuss the fair. Board members will be urged to write down changes or improvements for next year. Those will be discussed at future Board meetings.

\*A note from RI President Yinka: "As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: 'How does this create the conditions for peace? '. Consult the pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do."

\*Note that the September 1 meeting will be off site at the Gandy Company.

\*The Owatonna Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced those that will be inducted in this year's class. They are former Coach Neal Davis, Daniel Humes (Class of 1970), Karyn (Stordahl) Utect (Class of 1999), Adam Hanna (Class of 1999) and Andrew Stelter, (Class of 2014). September 11 is the induction day at 4:00 at the Wenger Performing Arts Center. Members of this years inductees will be introduced before kickoff as the Huskies play Mankato West. The public is invited to the induction ceremony on the 11th.

\*Owatonna Public Schools is now accepting applications for OPS Insider, a new community engagement initiative designed to give community members an inside look at the school district while strengthening understanding, trust, and connections. Applications are open now through September 15. If you are interested in being a member of OPS Insider, you apply on line at [isd761.org/OPSinsider](http://isd761.org/OPSinsider). This is a free experience that offers participants an exclusive opportunity to explore how Owatonna Public Schools serves nearly 5,000 students per day. Through interactive sessions, school tours, and conversations with district leaders, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the people, programs, and decisions that shape public education in Owatonna. The seven-session program will take place from October 2026 thru April, 2027.

So Anyway: Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out.