

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

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 & Charlie Seykora

August 31: Business: speaker: Morgan Bashiel, Stormwater Specialist, City of Owatonna

Sept. 7: No meeting...Labor Day

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

September 21: Off Site: Gandy Co

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

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Monday, August 31, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: An item or two of business and then we will hear from Morgan Bashiel. Stormwater Specialist with the City of Owatonna.

BIRTHDAYS: Laura Brady, Aug. 31

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

The Member Code of Conduct:

1. All members are expected to: Act with Integrity and high ethical standards in their person and professional lives.
2. All members should treat others fairly by using respectful language, being supportive, fostering a welcoming environment, and honoring all individual member characteristics.
3. All members are expected to use their professional skills through ROTARY to improve people's quality of life in their own communities and elsewhere in the world.
4. All members should avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARY members.
5. All members should follow all codes of conduct for any ROTARY-related event.

ROTARY HOST FAMILIES FOR THIS YEAR

Frederica from Italy has arrived and we will see her soon at our meeting. Here are the host families for this year: *Dr. Nicolas and Amy Vincelli, 1st family, John and Alana Deranek, 2nd family, Jayme and Hillary Underwood, 3rd family.

Ryan Gillespie will be her club counselor

ANNIE'S NEW JOB

The City of Owatonna has selected our own Annie Harman to serve as its Communications Specialist, a newly reconfigured position design to strengthen communications both within the organizations and between the City and community it serves. Annie is a longtime local journalist and formerly was with the Owatonna People's Press. Annie said, "I've had the privilege of telling Owatonna's stories for many years, and I'm excited for the opportunity to serve this community in a new way. I look forward to helping residents stay informed, engaged and connected with the working happenings in our city."

Did you know? *The King of Hearts is the only King without a moustache. *No piece of paper can be folded more than seven times.

NO MEETING NEXT WEEK...LABOR DAY.