

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

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

Oct. 5: Meet the candidates" City At Large & Ward 3...Lunch at 11:30

Oct. 12: Meet the Candidates: City Ward 1 and Ward 5...Lunch at 11:30

Oct. 19: Meet the Candidates: State Rep. and State Senate...Lunch at 11:30

Oct 26: Meet the Candidates: Congressional, District 1

Nov. 2: Steele County, District 1 and 2

Nov. 9: Alfred Zdrazil

Nov. 16: Open

Nov. 23: Ethan Rindfleisch, Public Health Specialist

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Monday, Sept. 28, 2026, 2026

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to our non-ROTARIAN guests. This week will be the first of our Meet the Candidates, sponsored by the ROTARY CLUB and the Chamber of Commerce. This week it will be the School Board Candidates. Our club normally meets at noon each Monday here at the Owatonna Country Club. Interested in more information? See President Brad Meier.

BIRTHDAYS: Harold Storm, and Stephanie Olson, both on Sept. 29th

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Reese Mulanov, Sawyer Born, Owen Kaytor and Maebelle Smith

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Federica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A reminder that individual baskets or items for the Silent Auction at the HotDish Hootenanny should be given to committee members today or left at the greeter's table. The HotDish Hootnanny will be held at the Eagles Club Saturday, October 10 beginning at 4:00. Cooks are still needed and club volunteers are needed as well.

FROM RI PRESIDENT YINKA: "A life-changing experience is what we offer when we invite someone to join us. There are people in your community right now who would find real meaning if only someone thought to ask them. So tell them your story. Tell them honestly how ROTARY has changed you, not just about the projects you led or the funds you raised, but about the person you became along the way. Those stories have a way of reaching people when little else does."

The ROTARY INTERNATIONAL Convention will be in Barcelona Spain, June 26-30.

ROTARIANS from Argentina traveled to Kansas City, Missouri in June as part of a ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE that coincided with World Cup matches in the city.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

*The City Council unanimously approved the alternate location for the building of the new police department. It is located east of Cashwise Foods in the former Cemstone location.

*Our own Jena Hanson was named Princess Kay of the Milky Way at the State Fair recently. Jena grew up in the city and didn't spark her interest in dairy farming until her sophomore year in high school. She is now studying dairy in college in Wisconsin.

So Anyway: While watching a football game the wife and I got into a conversation about life and death and the need for living wills. I told her I never wanted to exist as a vegetable, depending on a machine and taking fluids from a bottle. She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all my beer. It's tough being married to a smart alec!