

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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PROGRAMS

September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages

September 15: Dr. Tammy Champa, Supt of Public Schools

September 22: Dom from Community Pathways

September 29: Business Meeting/Classification Talk and trip to Egypt by Ann Miller

October 6: District Gov. Glenn Bowers

October 13: Nancy Vaillencourt "Hooded History"

October 20: Serenity Knott: Community Engagement Specialist, Big Bro/Big Sis

October 27: Business Meeting

November 3: Steele County United Way/Annette Duncan, President

November 10: Ryan Gillespie: Exchange Club Center for Family Unity

November 17: Gospel Kordah: Work Force Coordinator for Steele County Works

November 24: Business Meeting

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Monday, October 6, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to our District Gov. Glenn Bowers

BIRTHDAYS: Dennis VonRuden, Oct. 5

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Eliseu Seguro, Logan Halverson, Blake Ferris and Will Halverson

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea from Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Please note that the date for the Paul Harris/Vern White Luncheon has been changed to Dec. 1. The recipient, Tim Penny will not be available during November. If you have not signed that you are coming, get ahold of ROTARIAN Dick Slieter

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO: "Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And, it is about standing together...across borders, languages and generations to say that education is a right, not a privilege. Let's Unite for Good by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality. Together we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together we *Unite for Good*."

***FROM LOIS NELSON:** Basket items are still being collected this week for Saturday's Hot Dish Hootnanny and Silent Auction. Please bring to meeting and leave in the basket at the greeter's table.

***So anyway:** A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her a drink,, she says, "I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today." The bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink." As the woman finishes her drink, the woman on her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink too." The old woman says, "Thank you! Bartender I want a Scotch with two drops of water. As she finishes her drink, the man on her left says, "I'd like to buy you one tlllo." The wold woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, give me another Scotch with two drops of water." As the bartender gives her the drink, he says, "Ma'm, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with two drops of water?" The old woman replies, "Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water is a whole other issue!"