

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

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

Nov. 2: Steele County, District 1 and 2...Lunch at 11:30

Nov. 9: Alfred Zdrazil

Nov. 16: Open

Nov. 23: Ethan Rindfleisch, Public Health Specialist

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Monday, October 12, 2026

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

THIS WEEK: Meet the candidates for Ward 1 and Ward 5

BIRTHDAYS: None

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Frederika, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT YINKA: "Eradication of polio is about children who will never know what it means to lose the ability to walk. It is about parents who will never have to watch a healthy child become paralyzed by a disease that vaccines can prevent. And it is about making sure the people who remember polio become the last generation that does. ROTARY has been a part of this fight for more than four decades. Together, with our partners, we have helped vaccinate more than 3 billion children, contributed more than \$3 billion to the global effort, and reduced cases of wild poliovirus by 99.9 percent.

But, 99.9 percent is no 100 percent. Wild poliovirus remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As long as it circulates anywhere, children everywhere remain at risk. And even after wild poliovirus disappears from a country, we must maintain strong immunization and surveillance systems so the virus cannot find its way back.

The final mile of any journey can be the hardest. But we have walked too far, worked too hard, and protected too many children to stop here.

Let us remember why we began. Let us listen to those who have experienced polio. Let us be the generation that creates lasting impact and ensures no one ever experiences polio again!"

SOME AUTOMOTIVE NOTES

*Remember Hursh Motors? It all began when Dale Hursh moved to Owatonna and opened "Dales Pontiac" at the corner of Hi-way 65 and Rose Streets. Later Dale's brother, Frank Hursh, joined him in the business. They remained at that location until they moved to the familiar location on 18th Street.

*Lindekugal Chevrolet was owned and operated by Ave Lindekugal at 116 E. Vine. The slogan was "Ber Wise, Economize, Buy Chevrolet. The dealership remained at the same location for all its years.

*A service station that sold Red Crown gasoline was located on the corner of Rose and Cedar.

*Baldus Texaco operated by Bud Baldus, was located at South Oak and McKinley in the early 1950's.

SO ANYWAY: Old driver: "I never use turn signals. It's nobody's business where I'm going!"