

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

PROGRAMS

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

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

November 17: Gospel Kordah: Workforce Coordinator, Steele County

November 24: Business Meeting

December 1: Paul Harris/Vern White award lunch

December 8: Open

December 15: Open

December 22: Open

December 29: Business Meeting

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Monday, October 20, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Serenity Knott, Community Engagement Specialist, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Klawiter, Oct. 24

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Will Halverson, Blake Ferris, Logan Halverson, Eliseu Seguro

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Rotary on the Move: This year, the ROTARY Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, partnered with two clubs in India to provide sewing machines and training to 80 women to earn a living and regain social inclusion. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics and salw suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. This story is one example of ROTARY leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs.

Original Cedar Mall Stores

Do you remember the original stores in the Cedar Mall? Here's a listing: Lundberg's OK Hardware, Adams Hudson Optical, Cheese Barn, Wilson's Clothing, Hal's, Bostwicks, Brett's, Cedar Mall Drug, Hallmark, Huntington's Hair Care, Dahl House, Fawbush's, Maurice's, Owatonna State Bank, The Tunnel, Schultze's Family Store, Radio Shack, Team Electronics, Hy-Vee, Golden Stack Restaurant, Tradehome Shoes, Mrs. G's Floral, Paffrath's Jewelers and Hurrah. Check 'em out and let your editor know if any were missed. Remember, this is a listing of ORIGINAL stores in the mall.

*Did you know? In addition to asparagus, Michigan is a top producer of cucumbers, tart cherries, black beans, squash and grapes. Producing more than 300 commodities, Michigan is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the U.S.

*If you have not signed up to come to the Paul Harris/Vern White lunch on Dec. 1, let ROTARIAN Dick Slieter know.

So anyway: Two old guys were sitting on a bench in Central Park. One said, "It was my 85th birthday yesterday. My wife gave me an SUV." "The other guy said, "Imagine, an SUV! What a great gift!" "Yep, socks, underwear and Viagra."