

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: Sean Williams, Executive Director of the Owatonna Area Business Development Center

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

Nov. 9: Alfred Zdrazil.. "Human Trafficking and what ROTARY is doing

Nov. 16: Vern White banquet..award given to Vern Wilker

Nov. 23: Ethan Rindfleisch, Public Health Specialist

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Monday, October 26, 2026

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Sean Williams, Executive Director of the Owatonna Area Business Development Center **REGULAR MEETING TIME!** *(Our final forum will be Monday, Nov 2nd – County Commissioners)*

BIRTHDAYS: Brad Svenby, Oct. 31

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Frederica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*Playing Tennis? Good for you! Research supports the idea that tennis benefits longevity, with one study even attempting to put a number on it...an extra 9.7 years! One reason? It's a highly social sport, fostering friendship and connection.

*ROTARY renewed its alliance with Toastmasters International through 2028. The alliance has engaged thousands through leadership opportunities.

*When ROTARY formed Polio Plus in 1985, polio paralyzed 1000+ children every day in 125 countries. Now, just two countries remain with active viruses. ROTARIANS have contributed more than \$2.6 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to fight and end polio. Together, with our partners, we immunize over 400 million children every year.

OCTOBER IS 'STRIKE OUT POLIO' month. World Polio Day was this past Saturday. District 5960 has a campaign encouraging all ROTARIANS to participate and reach our year's club goal of \$2,000.

As an added incentive, the District is asking us to help end polio now with this campaign:

Spare: Give at least \$100 to Polio Plus before October 31 and the donation will be matched 1:1 with Recognition Points.

Strike: Give at least \$365 (equivalent of \$1.00 a day) to Polio Plus during this campaign and we will utilize Recognition Points to award a Paul Harris Fellowship!

PLUS: All gifts are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Pledge to give at least \$100 every year and you will be recognized as a Polio Plus Society member and receive a PPS pin for your generosity and commitment.

Checks can be made to the ROTARY FOUNDATION with Memo Line of Polio Plus or use venmo and give to Treasurer Thomas Bottema or post directly to your "My ROTARY" account. Leave in drawing jar at the greeter's table.

Around Town: You are invited to "Coffee and Conversation" with the Public Schools Superintendent this Friday, Oct. 30, at the District Office, 333 E. School.

*So anyway: How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?