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. 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
Nov. 16: Paul Harris/Vern White Award
Nov. 23: Ethan Rindfleisch, Public Health Specialist

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Monday, November 2, 2026 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our final "Meet the Candidates" meeting...with Steele County District 1 and 2

BIRTHDAYS: John Connor, Nov 4

NOVEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Penelope Ulland, Micah Gentz, Carson Van Gelder, Lowell Schultz and Everett Miller

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Federica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:

*From RI President, Yinka: "Change within ourselves is the first choice toward impact we seek to make the world. I remember my first encounter with ROTARY, I saw a ROTARIAN on television. I was a teenager with my thoughts elsewhere, when suddenly my full attention was on this man. I did not know it then, but that moment would change my life.

This is the thing about impact. We often imagine it is something we create in a community we visit or in a project we fund. But that impact brought about through the change within us as well. Increasing our impact is the first priority of ROTARY'S action plan and it asks us not only to do good but to do good that lasts and can be measured. It means choosing sustainable, needs-based projects over comfortable ones and asking honestly whether a project will still be serving people five years from now without us in the room."

*Election day is tomorrow. Be sure and VOTE!

AROUND TOWN

*The annual lighted parade will be held beginning at 6 pm on Dec. 4 downtown. 5, 000 are expected. Sign ups are being taken at the Chamber of Commerce.

FAIR NOTES

*The theme for the 2027 fair is "Bright Lights and Blue Ribbons" Fair dates are August 17-22.

*The 2027 fair will mark 100 years of the fair being a free gate.

*Food vendor winners:

1. Most popular food stand: Elks Reuben Sandwich
2. Most Unique Food: Reese's Donut Burger at DeAnna's diner
3. Most Unique Product: Backwoods Premium Sauce
4. Best New Food: Bacon-Wrapped Chicken on a Stick at "All About Bacon"