

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, November 17, 2025

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Gospel Kordah, Steele County Workforce Coordinator. Gospel works at the Chamber of Commerce office.

BIRTHDAYS: Jessy Grove, Nov. 18

STUDENTS: Isabella Nelson, Georgia Schrom, Lainey Steckelberg, Sophia Hanson

EXCHANGE STUDENT: Andrea, Italy

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO: "November is ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH. Our action plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, ROTARY and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics...it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease."

Donations to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can be made through ROTARIAN Dick Slieter. This is the perfect time for members and clubs to consider making donations to the annual fund. Last year, across the ROTARY world, we raised more than \$569 million. These funds are more than just donations. They are the means that allow the Foundation to support service projects in communities close to home and around the world. Through Global and District Grants, hundreds of thousands of lives were impacted by providing clean water, improving access to health care, enhancing literacy, and in myriads of other ways.

*Taipei will welcome ROTARIANS to the RORY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. Sacred temples, cloud busting skyscrapers, mountain getaways, incomparable food and a dazzling nightlife. Dates are June 13-17.

*So anyway: Deer hunting season is upon us. Brings back the story of two hunters who were dragging their dead deer back to their car. Another hunter approached pulling his along too. "Hey, I don't want to tell you how to do something, but I can tell you that it's much easier if you drag the deer in the other direction....then the antlers won't dig into the ground." After the third hunter left, the two decided to try it. A little while later one hunter said to the other, "You know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier." The other added, "Yeah, but we're getting farther and farther from the truck!"