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

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: Abigail Nachreiner, Public Health Specialist
Nov. 30: Business: Rotary 101
Dec. 7: Dr. Andrew Toftoy: OLM Orthopedic Surgeon
Dec. 14: Annette Duncan, United Way: OHS Christmas Carolers at noon
Dec. 21: Annual Meeting

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Monday, November 23, 2026 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Abigail Nachreiner, Public Health Specialist

BIRTHDAYS: Charlie Postlewaite, Nov. 15, Jessy Grove, Nov. 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Penelope Ulland, Micah Gent, Carson Van Gelder, Lowell Schultz and Everett Miller

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Federica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Yinka: "ROTARY'S work starts with membership. Impact scales with people. Every hand we add is another hand that can dig a well, teach a child to read, deliver a vaccine, or simply show up for a neighbor in need. As we approach our 125th anniversary in 2030, our goal is to reach 1.25 million ROTARIANS. worldwide. That is not a number for a banner. It is a measure of how much more good we can do together, and how many more lives, including our own, ROTARY still has the chance to change."

Fiji's Water Woes: Fiji is made up of about 330 islands in the South Pacific.. one third of which are inhabited. Its white sandy beaches and palm trees make it a popular tourist destination. But, away from the main islands and resorts, access to clean drinking water can be a serious challenge. There are some places in Fiji that re very hard to reach, very expensive to reach, and there's a cyclone season, so there's a lot of factors that make it very difficult to get clean water. Only 42 percent of the population and just 27 percent in rural areas, have access to safely managed drinking water according to UNICEF. On some of Fiji's remote islands, clean water has to be delivered by boat, and expensive and time consuming endeavor.

ROTARIAN Katie Spotz, a member of the ROTARY Club of Cleveland, is aiming to raise $1 million to clean drinking water in Fiji. She's partnered with the non profit "Give Clean Water" and the "Sawyer Foundation" with a goal of distributing Sawyer water filters to 20,000 homes, expanding access to clean drinking water for 100,000 people. Working with Fiji's Ministry of Health, her ultimate goal is to help Fiji become one of the first developing countries to achieve universal nationwide access to clean water. Think of this when you turn on your tap at home and immediately have clean drinking water.

So anyway: A man took his wife to a restaurant. For some reason, the waiter took his order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." The waiter said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." That's when the fight started!