

# 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

November 3: United Way President Annette Duncan

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

November 17: Gospel Kordah, Work Force Coordinator...Steele County

November 24: Business/Classification Talk: Ray Stawarz

December 1: Paul Harris/Vern White Luncheon

December 8: Robert Jarrett, County Attorney

December 15: OHS Carolers and Annual Meeting

December 22: No Meeting

December 29: No Meeting

January 5: Anisha Zak, Junior Achievement

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 24, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Business Meeting plus a Classification Talk by Ray Stawarz

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Last day for Isabella, Georgia, Lainey and Sophia

**EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Andrea, Italy

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*From RI President Francesco Arezzo: "November is Foundation Month. 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 committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, ROTARY PEACE CENTERS train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-'24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peace builders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come."

### **\*AROUND TOWN**

\*The annual "Parade of lights" is just around the corner. December 5 is the date beginning at 6:00 pm. downtown.

\*A couple of fair notes: Zach Rinehart, Minnesota District 2 Director has joined the Steele County Fair team as Assistant Manager. Rinehart will assist in the day to day planning for next year's fair and the off-season operations in the fairgrounds.

\*Richard Rodriguez of Owatonna submitted the winning theme for the 2026 Steele County Free Fair, "A Timeless Tradition...the 2026 Edition"

Fair dates are August 18-23, 2026.

\*So anyway: A husband and wife are shopping at Wal Mart. The husband picks up a case of Bud and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10.00 for 24 cans." "Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife. A few aisles further along the woman picks up a \$20.00 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful." says the wife. Her husband retorts, "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's only half price!" On the store PA system, "CLEANUP ON AISLE 5...WE HAVE A HUSBAND DOWN!"