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

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 30, 2026 Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The November Business Meeting

BIRTHDAYS: Diane Holland, December 6

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Penelope Ulland, Micah Gentz, Carson Van Gelder, Lowell Schultz and Everett Miller

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Federica, Italy

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

*The ROTARY Board has made a decision regarding Christmas Holiday. There will be no meeting on December 28, however there WILL be a meeting on January 4.

*ROTARIANS make a lasting impact every year. Don't let their efforts go unnoticed! ROTARY'S awards celebrate those who are dedicated to creating positive change. Start planning now to ensure deserving members are recognized.

*From RI President Yinka: "Increasing our impact is the first priority of ROTARY'S Action Plan, and it asks us not only to do good but 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 be serving people five years from now.

***AROUND TOWN**

*The annual "Parade of Lights" will take place in downtown Owatonna this Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins at Rose and Cedar and travels south on Cedar to Central Park. There will be refreshments in the park and the OHS Christmas Carolers will begin their season that night.

*The Canadian Pacific "Holiday Train" will arrive in Owatonna on Friday, December 11 at 3:45 in the afternoon. The train will stop at the crossing next to the Owatonna Bus Co. There will be a van on hand to collect food items for the Food Shelf. There will be heavy traffic near the tracks, so you are invited to park in the Lowe's parking lot and take a shuttle bus provided by the Owatonna Bus Co. beginning at 2:15 pm and returning at 4:00 pm.

*So anyway: An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery. He insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get anesthesia, he said to his son, "Don't be nervous son, do your best and just remember that if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."