

# 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 24: Business Meeting/Classification: 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

January 12: Open

January 19: Open

January 26: Business

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, December 8, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Guest speaker will be Robert Jarrett, County Attorney

**BIRTHDAYS:** Beth Gilthvedt, December 8

**DECEMBER STUDENTS:** William Meyman, Eric Zie and Harrison Liedtke

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Andrea, Italy

**FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO:** "December marks ROTARY'S DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH. We highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet, only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment. We in ROTARY are fortunate to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness. The connections we build in ROTARY can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience."

I hope you were able to take in the Parade of Lights last Friday. There was a tremendous turnout of on-lookers and 90 delightfully decorated vehicles. Only in Owatonna!

The Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers will make an appearance at our meeting next week. They will arrive about noon. Next week is also our annual meeting. Remember, no meetings on the 22nd or 29th.

Check out the Havana Lights at 2048 Havana Road (just east of the rail tracks. This is a drive-thru Christmas Light Display. It is free and open to the public. The display is just east of the railroad tracks on Havana Road. A free-will donation of money, cat or dog food, or kitty litter would be appreciated and will go to Helping Paws of Southern Minnesota. Other items could be: Toys, treats, food dish, beds. Make checks payable to "Helping Paws of Southern Mn."

### **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

If my body were a car this is the time I would think about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little out of focus. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. My sidewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it. Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!