

# Rotary O-Pinion

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

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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### **OFFICERS**

**ANN MILLER:** Past President

**TOM PARTRIDGE:** President

**ANNIE HARMAN** President-Elect

**LOIS NELSON:** Secretary

**BRAD VETRUS:** Treasurer

**President Nominee:**

**RYAN GILLESPIE:** Assistant District Governor

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**THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROTARY IS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES THAT INCLUDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT MEMBERS WILL ENGAGE IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

### PROGRAMS

June 17: Dan Bass, Winona. The story of his plane landing north of Beaver Lake while he was unconscious.

June 24: Business Meeting...Year End Celebration!

June 27: Clock Dedication: 5:01 p.m. at History Center Grounds, 5:30 program

July 1: Sean Williams: Executive Director-Owatonna Business Development Center

July 8: Past District Governor Jim Hunt

July 15: Amber Aaseth, Steele County Public Health Director

July 22: Rebel Alliance Robotics Team

July 29: Business Meeting

August 5: Scott Kozelka: Preview of Steele County Fair

August 12: Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

August 19: Brady Geary, District Exec. Scouts BSA

August 26: Business Meeting

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Monday, July 1, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from Sean Williams, Executive Director, Owatonna Business Development Center

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**FROM RI PESIDENT STEPHANIE a. Urchick:** "Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is the 'Magic of ROTARY itself.' With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective. ROTARY'S a Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

At one time, our club helped serve food at the annual Extravaganza sponsored by the Historical Society. I can remember terribly hot days when we were wet with sweat on that afternoon that we cooked brats and burgers.

It was good to have outgoing President Ann Miller with us last week. Before her husband became ill, Ann had volunteered to serve a second term as President of our club. Thank you Ann!

Did you know? There is a road in France that can only be used twice a day for a few hours. Then it disappears under 13 feet of water.

The 2029 ROTARY Convention will be held in Minneapolis. It is hoped 1700 plus ROTARIANS from around the world will join us.

Red Skelton said it: "Two times a week, the wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, then comes good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays."

We have a young woman from Belgium as our In-Bound Exchange Student next year. She likes reading, cooking, Travel and has a long-term goal possibly in the area of psychology. She does have a fear of dogs.

**So anyway:** Starting your day with an early morning run is a great way to make sure your day doesn't get any worse that it started!