

# 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**

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**ANNIE HARMAN** President-Elect

**LOIS NELSON:** Secretary

**BRAD VETTRUS:** Treasurer

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**KELLEN HENRICHSEN:** President-Elect Nominee

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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

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

September 2: No meeting...Labor Day

September 9: Kat Lineke: President, Riverland College

September 16: Ed Marek and Bruce Morlan: "Braver Angels"

September 23: Business Meeting

September 30: Meet the Candidates

## **ROTARY OPINION**

Monday, July 8, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** A visit from Past District Governor Jim Hunt

**BIRTHDAYS:** Katie Kreuter, July 9

### **A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**

“The world is changing and our clubs can’t afford to stand still. But, the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic...building on one another toward a greater vision. ROTARY’S Action Plan can help us as a club work toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help us work toward that vision and create effective change within our club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all ROTARY members to feel in their clubs.

**EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR.** Thank you for supporting the ROTARY FOUNDATION. Your donations to the Annual Fund support extraordinary projects that make an impact in communities close to home and around the globe. Thank you for making DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD possible. Donations to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can be given to ROTARIAN Dick Slieter.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In the first published version of Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother are both eaten by the wolf....and that’s where the story ends!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Though founded in Wichita, there isn’t a single White Castle in Kansas today.

### **FAIR NOTES**

\*The color brochures for this year’s Steele County Free Fair are being distributed around town, or you can pick as many as you want at the fair office. It’s “Adventures to Explore in 2024!”

\*You are also reminded that you can get grandstand tickets now to avoid standing in line at the ticket booth the night of the show. VIP tickets are still available which entitle the bearer to view the concert from the designated area in front of the stage, early admission to pre-concert activities, infield parking, executive air-conditioned rest rooms, light hors d’ oeuvres in the VIP tent and beverage tickets. You can also purchase general admission tickets at the fair office as well.

**SO ANYWAY:** A husband and wife in their 60’s were celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. On their special day, a good fairy appeared and granted each one a wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Presto! She held airline tickets and luxury hotel reservations in her hand. The husband wished for a female companion 30 years younger and, PRESTO, he became 95 years old!