

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

June 22: Kat Linaker, President, Riverland College

June 29: Business

July 6: Renae Fry, County Administrator State of the County

July 13: Michael Jon Pease, Incoming District Governor

July 20: Off-site tour of Oak Hill Community Connections

July 27: Business

August 3: Annie Harman's Story – “The NICU Survival Kit”

August 10: Scott Kozelka, Preview of 2026 SCFF

August 17: Open

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Monday, July 20, 2026

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THIS WEEK: An off-site tour of Oakhill Community Connections. Parking will be available in the lot on Cedar.

BIRTHDAYS: Ray Stawarz, July 23

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Welcome to new members Dave Berg and Adam Winkels. Their sponsors are Stephanie Olson and Jessy Grove. Remember, invite a friend, business associate to a meeting as our club responds to this year's theme: "Create Lasting Impact."

FROM RI PRESIDENT YINKA: "This year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to *Create Lasting Impact*. As we prioritize impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peace building. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically. As you plan your next project, ask yourself, 'How does this create the conditions for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.'"

FAIR NOTES

*Mega-Ride tickets for the Steele County Free Fair now can be purchased at HyVee each day from the customer service counter. Tickets are \$60.00 and entitle the wearer of the wrist band to unlimited rides on the Gold Star Midway the entire week of the fair.

*The Livestock Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held the first day of the fair at 2:30 pm. There will be four inductees into the Livestock Hall and two will be receiving their awards posthumously. They are Marianne McCrostie and Mina Holmes. The two pioneer women butter makers put Minnesota butter and Steele County's dairy industry on the map. Tim Larson and Pete Anderson will also be receiving awards for their contributions to the Ag industry. Tim dedicated his career as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor spanning four decades. He worked through innovative programs including Medford Schools Ag Awareness events, petting zoos and Ag-based Book Barns constructed and distributed to every Steele County elementary school. He was original organizer of the FFA Goat Show at the Minn. State Fair.

Pete Anderson is active in Owatonna FFA and 4-H in Steele County with a focus on livestock, a member of the 1979 Steele County Livestock Team that won the National Western. He is active in Owatonna FFA and 4-H activities with a focus on livestock activities.

Anyway: Being old is when you don't don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go with her!