

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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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, and Gabrielle Alzarado

July 22: Rebel Alliance Robotics Team

July 29: Business Meeting: Classification talk: Jim Wendorff

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: Classification talk by Sean Gillen

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: Mike Jensen, "A look into ROTARY Exchange Student Program"

September 30: Meet the Candidates

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Monday, July 29, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: The monthly business meeting and a classification talk by ROTARIAN Jim Wendorff

BIRTHDAYS: Kory Kath: July 28, Jerry Deetz. July 31, Tom Kuntz, August 1, Troy Klecker, August 2.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Our club has been asked again to assist with meal service at the Aurora Diner during fair week, Wednesday, August 14. We need 6-8 ROTARIANS, spouses, children ages 10 and older o help. Serving times are 2:00-5:45 p.m. and 5:50 p.m. to close (between 8:30 and 9:00). Please sign up at our meetings or confirm to club secretary, Lois Nelson, by text (507/390-4553) or e-mail at lmn0513@gmail.com. Our club will receive a check for \$350 for this effort.

ROTARIAN Gregg Draeger has been appointed chairman of the board at Community Bank, Owatonna. Steve Grams, president/CEO of the bank said, "The Board of Directors of Community Bank, Owatonna are extremely pleased to have Gregg leading the bank." Draeger noted, "I am honored to be appointed chairman of the board. I look forward to working with the directors and staff in serving the Owatonna community."

FROM RI PRESIDENT STEPHANIE A. URCHICK: "The 2025 ROTARY PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts, but only if we have your support. The truth is, we are not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my ROTARY family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing the *Magic of ROTARY!*

FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Resignations were accepted from Kim Cosens and John Huemoeller. Christina Wright Peterson is an incoming member.

Lea, our In-Bound student from Belgium arrives in time to take in the Steele County Free Fair. Her first host family is John and Amanda Simon.

So anyway: "Yesterday, my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today, I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom!"