

# 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

July 7: No meeting

July 14: Glenda Smith, Model T Event (Meeting in Cabana)

July 21: Anne Peterson "History Hags Lite"

July 28: Business Meeting: Classification Talk by Jeff Hall

**August 4: Steele County Fair preview: Scott Kozelka**

**August 11: Update on Owatonna: Troy Klecker, Community Development Director**

**August 18: Liane Peterson, President, Steele Humane Society**

**August 25: Business Meeting**

**September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages**

**September 22: Ann Miller: Trip to Egypt**

**September 29: Business Meeting**

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, August 4, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Fair Manager, Scott Kozelka, will preview the 2025 Steele County Free Fair.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Christian Fenstermacher, Aug. 4, Wes Cain, Aug. 5

### **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

**A service opportunity!** We have been asked to assist again with meal service at Aurora Diner during Fair Week--Wednesday, August 13. We need 6-8 Rotarians, spouses, children ages 10 and older to help 2:00-5:45pm and 5:50pm to close (between 8:30-9:00pm) Please sign up at our meetings or confirm to Club Secretary, Lois Nelson, by text to 507/390-4553 or email: [lmn0513@gmail.com](mailto:lmn0513@gmail.com) Our club will receive a check for \$350 for this effort. Thank you for your service to the community! (And the food is really good!)

\*We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

### **EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR**

\*Your donations to our 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.

### **FAIR NOTES**

\*Again, a reminder that the fair has gone digital. No more will you see the printed Exhibitor Guides. All department guides and forms are online at [scff.org?exhibitors-guide](http://scff.org?exhibitors-guide). If you would like paper copies of a department, stop in at the fair stop at the Fair Managers Office.

\*Mega Ride tickets are now available and being sold for \$60.00 at Hy-Vee in Owatonna. They must be purchased by 5 p.m. on August 12. The tickets entitle the wearer of the wrist band to unlimited rides on the Gold Star Midway all fair week. The tickets can be redeemed for wristbands beginning at 1:00 p.m. August 12