

# 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 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 (To be announced)

October 7: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

October 14: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

October 21: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 5, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Fair time is here! Today, Scott Kozelka, SCFF manager, will preview the 2024 Steele County Free Fair.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Wes Kain, Aug 5, Bill Owens, Aug. 9,

### **FAIR NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:**

\*Aurora Diner is seeking our help on Wednesday, August 14, from 2:00-3:45 or 5:30-8:30 p.m. to assist with serving, table cleaning, washing dishes. Spouses, children age 10 and up are also needed. Please text Lois Nelson at 390-4553 or see her at the meeting or e-mail [lmn0513@gmail.com](mailto:lmn0513@gmail.com). We will receive a check for \$350 for our club.

\*Mega-Ride tickets for the fair midway are on sale for \$60.00 at the Hy-Vee service counter. The wrist band entitles the holder to unlimited rides on the Gold Star Midway all fair week.

\*Two long-time fair favorites are observing milestone anniversaries this year. B and D Greek Foods are celebrating their 40th year with our fair and possibility have spent those years in the same location in Fair Square Park. Owner and Chef Dimitri Giannou says the menu hasn't changed since he first started with the fair. The specialty is the Greek-Seasoned pork kabob. Giannou estimates he uses 30,000 pounds of pork each summer, with a third of that just at our fair.

\*This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year that Cindy Nachos have been on the fair menu (and today, the ONLY item!) Cindy Blazek said her "mom, Grace McGuire, was super happy on the Saturday of the first year at the fair when she made \$50.00!" Cindy Nachos were reluctantly added to the fair menu after Cindy begged her mother for five or six years to add them.

\*When you notice the beautiful blue flowerpots adorning the Muckle Building, know that they were donated this summer by Grant and Denise (Lage) Duffy in loving memory of Denise's father, Jim Lage..

\*Don't forget, when you're at the fair, stop by the Manager's office and purchase or renew your membership into the Steele County Agricultural Society. Memberships are just \$5.00 and must be purchased by Sunday night of the fair at 8:00.

\*Dates for the 2025 Steele County Free Fair are August 12-17.

\*The Steele County Exchange Club and the SCFF congratulate Diane and Dale Hendricks as our 2024 Steele County Outstanding Seniors.

So anyway: Someone asked me what I did this weekend....like I'm some sort of mountain climber. I was on a heating pad eating nachos!