

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)

August 7: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

August 14: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

August 21: Meet the Candidates (To be announced)

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Monday, Aug. 12, 2024

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Glenda Smith, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Hall, Aug. 11, Chad Lange, Aug. 15

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Stephanie A. Urchick: "I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites the *Magic of ROTARY*. As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world."

Did you know? In the year 2000, the Owatonna Foundation awarded a grant of \$30,000 for the renovation and expansion of offices for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

If you can help the folks at the Aurora Diner at the fair this Wednesday, August 14, at 2:00 or 5:50 p.m. to assist with serving, table clean-up or washing dishes, let ROTARIAN Lois Nelson know.

Former President Ann Miller's husband, Dean, passed away last week. Funeral services were held on Wednesday. August 7.

Did you know? The widest motorway in the world is located in Ontario, Canada. At its widest point, this highway has 22 lanes!

Our In-Bound Exchange Student, Lea, from Belgium has arrived. Her first host family is John and Amanda Simon. She is here in time to enjoy the Steele County Free Fair.

So anyway: When our lawn mower broke, my wife kept nagging me to get it fixed. But, I always had something else to take care of. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. I found her seated in the tall, unmowed grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of scissors. I watched silently then went into the house. I came back out and handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but will always have a limp!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK AND ENJOY THE FAIR!