

Rotary O-Pinion

CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

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 24: Vanessa Jensen, Director, Junior Achievement

July 31: Scott Mohs: Riverfront Project

August 7: Scott Kozelka, 2023 Fair Preview

August 14: Kelly McIntee: Youth Oriented Leadership Organization

August 21: Jennifer Thiele, Director: Steele County History Center

August 28: Club business

September 4: No meeting...Labor Day

September 11: Annette Duncan, Steele County United Way

September 18: Eva Balzer, Manager, Sherwin Williams: "Beautifying under the Bridge"

September 25: Business meeting

October 2: Sara McKay and Tom Dufresne: Owatonna Foundation

October 9: Patricia McCleese: District Governor

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Monday, August 14, 2023

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will hear from Kelly McIntee, Youth Oriented Leadership Organization

BIRTHDAYS: Chad Lange, Aug. 15, Lonna Lysne, Aug. 19

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT Gordon R. Mcinally: "We've grown into an amazing global network of 1.4 million interconnected community leaders...leaders who share a deep commitment to doing good in the world. But what makes ROTARY powerful isn't just what we do for the communities we serve. We also empower and support each other, by creating a safe space for our members to bring their whole, authentic selves. We show each other comfort and care."

Tomorrow is the opening day of the 2023 Steele County Free Fair. Official opening time is 5:00 p.m. Hopefully we will have a warm, dry week. A reminder that wheelchairs, and walkers are available for rent on the fairgrounds. Look for them at the Elm Street entrance to the fairgrounds. Next year's fair dates are August 13-18.

There will be two church services on Sunday of fair week. The first will be the traditional worship in the Village of Yesteryear at 9:30 a.m. The second service will be the contemporary worship at 11:00 a.m. in Fair Square Park.

Tomorrow the Equine Hall of Fame will be held. Inducted will be Dan and Leona Suchanek and Teddy the Sorrel pony. That program will be at 1:00. Then at 2:30, the Livestock Hall of Fame will be held. Inducted this year will be Mary Jo Schoenfeld and Richard (Rick) Klemmenson.

CLOCK PROJECT: ROTARIAN Lois Nelson reported last week that connections were made with the decision to work with Electric Time Company and their quote of around \$25,000 delivered to Owatonna. Four Seasons Electric will install the clock and capsule, cement base and electrical hook-up for an estimate of around \$6,000. A 5% contingency of \$1505.00...a total project of \$32,500. We have received or been pledged \$8,100 additional funds thus far...this includes \$1000 from Prior Lake ROTARY. Your support of this project is needed. A brochure of details and pledging information will be forthcoming. Checks can be made to the Owatonna Chamber Foundation or sent to our club at box 218. Mark "Clock Project" on your check.

So anyway: This morning I was beaten up by a woman....I was in an elevator when this busty woman got in. I was staring at her when she said, "Would please press one?" So I did...I don't remember much afterward.