

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

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/ Classification Talk by Steve Hale

September 1: No meeting...Labor Day

September 8: Michael Schwertfeger: Prairie Cottages

September 15: Dr. Tammy Champa, Supt of Public Schools

September 22: Ann Miller: Trip to Egypt

September 29: Business Meeting

October 6: District Gov. Glenn Bowers

October 13: Nancy Vaillencourt "Hooded History"

October 20: Serenity Knott: Community Engagement Specialist, Big Bro/Big Sis

October 27: Business Meeting

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Monday, August 18, 2025

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Liane Peterson, President, Steele County Humane Society

BIRTHDAYS: Lonna Lysne, Aug. 19, Kris Busse, Aug 21

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS:

FROM RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO: "There is a spirit of innovation that is guiding our efforts to reach new communities....in places where there has never been a ROTARY Club, or where a club once existed and faded. ROTARIANS are finding ways to grow ROTARY. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities."

The Steele County Free Fair is over. Dates for the fair next year are August 18-23. The new theme for next year's fair is "A Timeless Tradition, the 2026 Edition". Fair board members will meet tonight to go over some discussions about this year's fair. Planning for next year's fair begins as early as this week!

Highlights of this year included the opening of the completed Saloon and the addition of the Arctic Blast roller coaster. Our fair was the only place in Minnesota that this ride was offered.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Before practice, during training camp, and in the halftime locker room, the go-to snack of the NFL is Uncrustables, the sealed peanut butter and jelly sandwiches found in the supermarket freezer case. NFL teams go through anywhere from 3600 to 4,300 Uncrustables a week, easily eating 80,000 each year.

*Here's a thought. Most cars have four or more speeds for windshield wipers, but only one horn volume. There should be a "courtesy honk" option to gently remind the driver in front of you that the light is green. Rather than receiving a rude gesture when you honk, maybe you'll get a wave or a thumbs up.

Finally, Church Bulletin slipups:

*The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancakes next Sunday.

*The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday. "I upped my pledge, so up yours!"