

# Rotary O-Pinion

## IMAGINE 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 11: Kathy Huisman, Center for Family Unity
- July 18: Installation of new officers
- July 25: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Kris Busse and Dom Korbal
- August 1: Kim Schaunfenbuel and Christy Tryhus: Riverland Community College
- August 8: Scott Kozelka, Preview of Steele County Free Fair
- August 15: School Construction Update: Jeff Elstad and Bob Olson
- August 22: Jason Bergman: Operation Bootstrap, Africa
- August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
- September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
- September 12: Patrick Longono IMPACT
- September 19: Jeff Mundale, Owatonna Police Chief
- September 26: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Former ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, retired Police Chief
- October 3: Meet the Candidates
- October 10: Meet the Candidates
- October 17: Meet the Candidates
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative

# ROTARY NOTES

Monday, August 15, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** An update on the building of the new high school from Supt. Jeff Elstad and Director of Facilities Bob Olson.

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

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From RI President Jennifer Jones: "A few years ago, our RI Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members by 30% by 2023. I believe we can meet this target. We need ROTARY leaders to rise from every continent, culture and creed. We need young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership."

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I find it ironic that the colors of red, white and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

## **FAIR NOTES**

The Steele County Free Fair officially opens at 5:00 tomorrow afternoon. There will be a free grandstand show tomorrow night...the Classic Antique Tractor Pull which begins at 6 p.m. On the midway its Power 96 night from 5-11 p.m. All rides are \$2.00.

Tuesday night in Fair Square Park it's the Steel Canyon Band at 7:30. The Owatonna Community Band will play in concert at 6:00 following the flag raising ceremony.

The Owatonna Arts Center is looking for volunteers to sit at a table in front of the Fine Arts Building to help young and old alike create a fun craft project courtesy of the Owatonna Arts Center. If you can help, give the Arts Center a call and talk with Linda.

The economic times affects the fair as well. A good example; Cindy from Grace's, who operates one of the most popular food stands at the fair, has decided that she will only have one booth which will sell Cindy Nachos. This year there will be no tacos or burritos from Grace's which was the case in prior years. The reason: A shortage of employees who can work at the fair and the exorbitant cost of food supplies.

Les Abraham has prepared a good exhibit of pre-1978 convertibles in the Wells Fargo Auto Museum. He also has told your editor that the feature at next year's fair will be Corvettes.

Dates of the 2023 fair are August 15-20. The theme will be "Satisfaction Guaranteed in 2023".

The Great Outdoors Center, formerly the Izaak Walton Building, is sponsored by Happy Tails of Owatonna. More displays have been included this year.

So anyway: My wife and I were discussing aspects of our future so when it was my turn I asked her, "What will you do if I die before you do?" After some thought, she said that she'd probably look for a house-sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be younger than herself. Then she asked me, "What will you do if I die first?" I replied, "Probably the same thing." That's when the fight started!