

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

July 9: Mark Fritsch: Climate Change...why the debate?

July 16: Lonna Lysne, Report on RI Convention in Toronto

July 23: Shirley Schultz, Mainstreet Owatonna

July 30: James Lundgren, Director, Steele County Historical Society

August 6: Preview: Steele County Free Fair: Scott Kozelka

August 13: Troy Klecker, Community Development Director

August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative

August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative

September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts

September 24: Steele County United Way

October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

October 8: Meet the Candidates: County

October 15: Meet the Candidates: City

October 22: Meet the Candidates: Legislative

October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board

November 5: Presentation of Vern White Award

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Rotary Foundation

December 3: Mike Becker, Dist. Gov.

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Monday, August 20, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: A presentation on the Federated Insurance Drive Safely Initiative. Welcome to Amanda Dowling, Learning Development Manager.

BIRTHDAYS: Lonna Lysne, Aug. 19, Mathew Goldade, Aug. 20, (newest member) Chuck Driessen, Aug. 21

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Nominations are now being taken for this year's recipient of the Vern White award. Nomination forms have been sent to all ROTARIANS with e-mail and printed copies of the form are available at the check-in table. Roger Warehime is in charge of the award presentation which will take place on November 5. The Vern White award recognizes a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto, "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the Four Way Test.

Welcome to Mathew Goldade, our newest member.

From RI President Barry Rassin: "We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we've set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you're enthusiastic about a ROTARY program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If we want to be part of an organization that's strong and active, that's having an impact, start at home and *Be the Inspiration* in ROTARY."

Lots of family activities this weekend at the Owatonna airport. Bring the kids or grandkids to the free Movie Night this Saturday at the airport. Free admission and free popcorn compliments of House Auto Dealer. The movie will be Disney's "Planes, Fire and Rescue".

Then on Sunday, August 26, the Civil Air Patrol French Toast breakfast will be held. If weather is good, lots of visiting aircraft will be flying in. There will be aircraft displays and a car show on the grounds. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door...five and under free. Tickets available at Hy-Vee and Cashwise.

Did you know? For the fourth straight year Bosch Community Fund has awarded the Owatonna Chamber Foundation a grant to fund "Made in Owatonna Days", a workforce project to put high school students in front of jobs in Steele County.

The Owatonna High School Athletic Hall of Fame nominees have been announced. They are George Soukup (Class of 1956), Marc Wiese (Class of 1991), Andrew Jurgens (Class of 1996), Sean Murphy (Class of 2005) and Beth Christensen (Class of 2008). The reception and induction will take place on September 14 in the OHS Upper Commons.

ROTARIAN Judy Plemel and Dean Velzke have been elected to serve as Trustees of the Owatonna Foundation. ROTARIANS Sabra Otteson, Ken Wilcox along with Bob Jungbluth were recognized for their many years of service to the Foundation and have been granted "Emeritus" Status for their outstanding contributions while serving on the Board of Trustees.

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time." The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me. God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

You know you're a redneck when: You wonder how service stations keep their restrooms so clean. You can spit without opening your mouth. You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it.