

# Rotary O-Pinion

## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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 19: Amy Caron, Director, Steele County Public Health “The COVID Story in Steele County” July 26: Dr.

Jason Wray-Raabolle: Mayo Health System, Owatonna

August 2: Engage Owatonna... Todd Buegler, Jeff Elstad

August 9: Scott Kozelka: Preview of Steele County Free Fair

August 16: Josh Carlson, Director, Oak Hills Academy

August 23: Mac Hamilton, Downtown Projects

August 30: Little Theatre of Owatonna: Mike Jensen

September 6: No meeting... Labor Day

September 13: Tim Penny, former Congressman and Pres. of Southern Minn. Initiative Fund

September 20: United Way Kickoff: Annette Duncan

September 27: Karen Pehrson, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

October 4: Steele County Works Program: Brad Meier and Anisha Zak, Coordinator

October 11: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

October 18: Larry Kriesel, coach, OHS Fishing Team

October 25: Open

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 23, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from the downtown developer, Mac Hamilton.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Josh Burgess, August 29

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A letter from a ROTARIAN in New Mexico gives us food for thought: "Why is it, that our older members no longer inspire young people with their life experiences? Retirement in America has become an excuse for our senior members to become uninvolved, uninspired and unconcerned about the future of our young leaders. This is not unique to service organizations, but applies to businesses, churches and governments as well. ROTARY, if not the country, depends on changing this dynamic. To our young leaders, I say: Do not let older members off the hook. Force them to share. Be assertive in asking for their input. You need them. They know that. Long ago, they needed their elders too."

We are currently looking for mentors for students at the high school. You will meet with your student once weekly. Let President Glen know if you can help.

Did you know? The Yo Yo was originally a weapon used in the Philippine jungle.

Why was FDR's portrait located on the dime? Because of his association with the March of Dimes charity.

## **If you didn't read it:**

Harland's Tire Service has new owners and will be known as TGK Automotive.

Manke's Outdoor Equipment is now owned by Tri-State Bobcat in the Twin Cities

The fair is over for another year. Dates for next year's fair are August 16-21. The theme is "Celebrate the Red White and Blue in 2022!"

No matter where you are in the world or what language you speak, the ROTARY logo is universal. It's what unites us and the impact we have around the world.

One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza, and doing sketchy stuff just for fun...THEN in a blink of an eye you're 50, drinking water eating kale and you can't do any sketchy stuff because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks!

So anyway: An elderly man in Venice Fla. had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some orange and lime trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned. "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or to make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator." Some old men can still think fast!

**HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK! SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!**