

# 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 President, Southern Minn. Initiative Fund

September 20: United Way Kickoff: Annette Duncan

September 27: Karen Pehrson, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director

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

October 11: Open

October 18: Open

October 25: Open

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 2, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Are you aware of the mission of “Engage Owatonna” which is connected with the Chamber of Commerce? You will hear about it today from ROTARIANS Todd Buegler and Jeff Elstad.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1, Troy Klecker, Aug. 2, Wes Kain, Aug. 5.

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From R.I President Shekhar Mehta: “Image the change we, as ROTARY members, can make when there are so many more of us! More people to care for others, more people to *Serve to Change Lives*. Think of the impact we can have through “Grow More, Do More”. More members will enable us to embark on bigger and bolder service projects. And each of us can always continue to serve in our own personal ways, responding to needs in our communities.”

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION! Your donations to our Annual Fund support extraordinary projects that make an impact in communities close to home and around the globe. Thank you for making Doing Good in the World possible!

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

\*Be happy we're humans and not White-faced capuchin monkeys who greet each other by sticking their fingers up each others' noses.

\*While they are hibernating, bears do not urinate. Their bodies convert waste into protein.

\*American flags left on the moon will eventually get bleached white by the sun.

## **FAIR FACTS FOR ROTARIANS**

\*Monte and Nancy Mowry, residents of Steele County, will be inducted into this year's Equine Hall of Fame. The induction will take place on Tuesday, August 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the livestock show arena. In 2014, Monte and Nancy started a program called the “Ride for the Brand-Americans with Disabilities”. The program focuses on individuals with special needs to come to their farm to ride and enjoy the horse experience. Several of the horses used have been purchased from the Rescue Pen.

\*On display this year will be the Southwest Dairy Farmer's Mobile Dairy. This mobile dairy features a 32-foot classroom with a fully operational milking parlor. The presentation includes the milking process, the characteristics of dairy cows and the importance of dairy foods in a healthy diet.

There are two free grandstand shows at this year's fair. The Antique Tractor Pull on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. and the Jason Pritchett Concert on Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. The Pritchett concert is being offered especially to all front line workers in appreciation for their dedication during the COVID pandemic.

\*Mega-Ride tickets are now available for \$55.00 at the Hy-Vee service counter. The ticket entitles the holder to unlimited rides all week on the Gold Star Midway. They must be purchased by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of the fair. Tickets will be exchanged for wrist bands at the Gold Star Midway ticket office beginning at 1:00 Tuesday.

Dates of this year's fair are August 17-22.

So anyway:

Definition of one's little toe: A mechanism designed to geo-locate furniture in low-light conditions.

The state song of Minnesota “Someday the Twins will.....Aw never mind”!