

# 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 30, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** ROTARIAN Mike Jensen will preview the Little Theatre year and will give other information on LTO. We will also hear from Michelle Redman, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**SEPT. STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Julia Christenson, Alyssa McGinn, Fardouza Farah, Elizabeth Granowski

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

There will be no meeting next Monday (Labor Day)

Did you know? ROTARIAN Todd Bol founded the non-profit Little Free Library in 2012. ROTARY Clubs have embraced the tiny libraries because of their focus on literacy and bringing people together.

## **SOME LEFT OVER FAIR FACTS**

There was proof this year that folks from out of town come to our fair. Of the eight bicycles given away on Saturday of the fair, only one was claimed by an Owatonna youngster. Other winners came from Rochester, Oronoco, Albert Lea and Madison Lake.

For the first time, the 4-H Livestock sale topped \$100,000.

The total number of Mega-Ride tickets sold at \$55.00 each was 5,384. This represents cash that goes into the fair treasury even before the fair begins.

Several vendors declined to come to the fair this year due to shortages of manpower. The State Fair is experiencing the same thing with vendors. You may have noticed that Burke's Salt Water Taffy was not at the fair this year because of lack of workers. This would have been the 99<sup>th</sup> year that the popular taffy stand was at our fair.

Tips on how to fall asleep in a living room chair: 1. Be Old 2. Sit in a chair

Did you know? Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 78,000.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thompson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

## **AROUND TOWN**

Two long-time businesses founded by local men have been sold recently. Harland's Tire Service, founded by Harland Stroschein is now owned by TGK Automotive. Manke's Outdoor Equipment, founded by Ervin Manke is now owned by Tri-State Bobcat.

So anyway: A Senior citizen said to his 80-year-old buddy: "So, I hear you're getting married? "Yep!" "Do I know her?" "Nope." "This woman, is she good looking?" "Not really." "Is she a good cook?" "Naw, she can't cook too well." "Does she have lots of money?" "Nope,! Poor as a church mouse." "Well then, is she good in bed?" "I don't know". "Why in the world would you want to marry her then?" "Because she can still drive".

Finally, I don't know what's wrong with my TV, but I was getting C-Span and the Home Shopping Network on the same channel and I bought a Congressman!