

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: Drawing: We All Play Raffle

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: Dan Bass, Winona: "Coming in on a wing and a prayer"...a crash landing near Ellendale

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Open

December 3: Open

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Monday, August 6, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Scott Kozelka, Manager of the Steele County Free Fair who will preview this year's fair. This year's fair marks the 100th year that the fair has been located on the current fairgrounds.

BIRTHDAYS: Wes Kain, Aug. 5, Mark Mueller, Aug. 8, Bill Owens, Aug. 9

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A message from RI President Barry Rassin: "It can be tempting when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service; the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order. In ROTARY, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principals of ROTARY, treating others with respect, and following the Four Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. It means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy."

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Most of us have friends who live in Arizona who kid us when we are enduring winter days. The heat wave this summer in Arizona gives us a chance to "return" the favor. Here are some signs one lives in Arizona:

- *You always carry water with you in the summer. Don't worry, if you leave it in the car, you can always use it to make coffee.
- *You keep an insulated grocery bag in your car in a vain attempt to keep the ice cream from melting between the grocery store and home.
- *You always park in the shade, even if you have to drive a block away to do it.
- *You quit expecting cold water to come out of the cold-water tap.
- *You use a towel, or oven mitt or pot holder to touch the steering wheel right when you get in your car.
- *Summertime activities start at 5 a.m. and end by 8 a.m.

IT'S NOT SO BAD LIVING IN MINNESOTA!

The wife asked her husband why he never asked her to play golf with him. "My dear," he admonished her, "there are three things a man must do alone; testify, die and putt!"

A bit of Owatonna ROTARY history: In 1981, the club voted to move the meeting place from the Holiday Inn to the Open Hearth. 1980 marked the year RI voted to extend membership to women. Owatonna inducted its first women members in 1987 including Betsy Lindgren and Sabra Otteson. At the time, Sabra was a third generation family member to become a ROTARIAN in the Owatonna Club. Her grandfather, E.K. Whiting was a charter member of the club.

In 1992, former ROTARIAN Joe Shea shot a record 35 on the back nine at the Country Club. That was par! ROTARIANS Jim Dombrosky and current member Jerry Deetz were witnesses.

Finally, some additional notes from the brand new edition of "You know you're a redneck when....."

- *You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table
- *Your grandmother has "ammo" on her Christmas list
- *You keep flea and tick soap in your shower.
- *You have a rag for a gas cap.
- *Your house doesn't have curtains, but your truck does.