



## **ROTARY O'PINION**

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**THIS WEEK:** The annual presentation by Jim Gleason, Secretary-Manager of the Steele County Free Fair which gets under way next week. Dates are August 15-20.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mark Mueller, Aug. 8, Bill Owens, Aug. 9

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Jeff, South Africa

### **ROTARY NOTES**

To highlight the areas in which ROTARY does its most significant work, RI President Ian H.S. Riseley is convening a series of Six Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences during the first half of 2018. The six conferences will focus on how peace relates to each of ROTARY'S five other areas of focus as well as environmental sustainability. The series will ELEVATE ROTARY'S status as a global leader in each area of focus; DEMONSTRATE the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S impact in each area of focus; BUILD KNOWLEDGE to inspire participants and increase their service engagement and PROVIDE a platform for members and non-members to network, make connections, and explore partnerships for projects. The conferences will begin in February, 2018 in Vancouver, Canada, then to Beirut, Lebanon, Coventry, United Kingdom, Sydney Australia, Taranto, Italy and on June 2 in Chicago.

### **SOME FAIR FACTS**

\*There are over 100 volunteer superintendents that help produce the fair. Seventeen board members meet monthly to organize the fair. Their pay? \$1.00 per meeting...same as in 1918.

\*Close to 2500 4-H exhibits are displayed at our fair. Steele County is one of the largest 4-H counties in the state.

\*The fair continually draws over 300,000 patrons.

\*Close to 900 gallons of waste grease is collected each year of the fair.

\*The most popular entry in the open class is horses. Smallest is swine.

\*Remember the steam train at the fair. It ran around what is now Fair Square Park. The whistle of the train could be heard all over town.

\*The Muckle Museum will feature displays of past fairs...and this year it's air conditioned!

\*The Wells Fargo Auto Museum will feature 14 cars of the 60's.

\*The 1943 fair was cancelled because of World War II. Gas shortages meant exhibits, entertainment, and the carnival couldn't get to the fairgrounds. It is the only SCFF to be canceled. Even during the polio epidemic the fair went on as scheduled. In 1874, the fair was held only one day because of a grasshopper invasion.

The first of the month has come and gone. Here are responses tenants gave their landlords after not paying the rent on time:

\* "I didn't pay the rent because I'm saving up to move."

\* "Oh come on! You're going to harass me on Valentine's Day?"

\* "My last landlord had no problem with me paying late. This seems to be a real big issue with you!"

\* "Well, if I wasn't late with the rent, you'd never come to see me."

\* I'm getting real tired of paying this rent every month. You'll just have to wait."

Utility customers often don't understand the intricacies of their bills. Recently a man called a utility company asking how much he owed. "Actually," the clerk said, "you have a credit for \$98.70." "So, that means that I am ahead on my bill?" he asked. "That's right!" After a pause, he asked, "And when is that due?"