

Rotary O-Pinion

IMAGINE ROTARY

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 11: Kathy Huisman, Center for Family Unity
- July 18: Installation of new officers
- July 25: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Kris Busse and Dom Korbal
- August 1: Kim Schaunfenbuel and Christy Tryhus: Riverland Community College
- August 8: Scott Kozelka, Preview of Steele County Free Fair
- August 15: School Construction Update: Jeff Elstad and Bob Olson
- August 22: Jason Bergman: Operation Bootstrap, Africa
- August 29: ROTARY...100 Years Strong: Scott Golberg
- September 5: Labor Day...no meeting
- September 12: Patrick Longono IMPACT
- September 19: Jeff Mundale, Owatonna Police Chief
- September 26: ROTARY...100 Years Strong! Former ROTARIAN Keith Hiller, retired Police Chief
- October 3: Meet the Candidates
- October 10: Meet the Candidates
- October 17: Meet the Candidates
- October 24: Meet the Candidates: First District Representative

ROTARY NOTES

Monday, August 8, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Fair week is just around the corner, August 16-21. Today we will hear a complete preview of this year's fair from our guest, Scott Kozelka, Fair Manager.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Owens, Aug. 9, Jeff Hall, Aug. 11

MESSAGE FROM DIST. GOV. DALE QUIGLEY: "The Passport Program is a 5960 brainchild. With the idea of breaking down silos and recognizing that we are in this altogether, the Passport Program rewards each member that gets out and visits other clubs. You can pick up your physical passport at your club, at the club you are visiting, or the district. When you visit another club, you get them to stamp or initial your passport. At the end of the year, each member will receive one raffle ticket for each stamp/initial in the passport. The raffle is for a limited-edition print by Darren Jones, RI President Jennifer Jones brother."

FAIR TRIVIA

Here is some interesting trivia from past fairs:

*The Minnesota State Fair was held in Owatonna in 1883 and 1884.

*In a SCFF survey, 85 percent said they come to the fair every year. The national average is 70 percent.

*Kottke Jewelers sponsored a Bulova Watch Drop from an airplane over the fairgrounds from 1967-1970. Ted Ringhofer, fair board member and private pilot flew the plane and Bill Kottke dropped the watch. The event was canceled after the watch fell on the beer garden roof and fairgoers were climbing drainpipes to get to it.

*In 1916 a group of Ellendale businessmen made an offer to move the fair to their city. By 1918 the SCFF had new buildings and opened the new fairgrounds in Owatonna.

*LuVerne Wanous has performed at every SCFF since 1948. He first played with the Chic Racek Band, then formed his own band. When he retired his own band, he began playing at the fair with his "Musicmobile" for many years. Now, he is still playing, teaming up with Hans Hohrman, as they play at the entrances to the Four Seasons Exhibit Building.

*Butter making competition was one of the biggest attractions at the fair from 1923 until the department closed in 1969. Over 30 Steele County butter makers competed in the annual contest. Today there is only one butter maker left in Steele County (Hope Creamery).

*A top hit at the fair from the 40's to the mid-sixties was the steam train that ran a circle where Fair Square Park is now located. The train gave thousands of rides each year. The steam whistle could be heard all over town.

*The 1924 fair gave plane rides. The planes used the race track as a runway.

*The 1943 fair was cancelled because of WW II. Gas shortages meant exhibits, entertainment and the carnival couldn't get to the fair. COVID forced cancellation of the fair in 2020.

*25% attending the SCFF travel 26 miles or more. 10% come from over 60 miles.

So Anyway: Two young boys walked into a pharmacy and picked out a box of Tampons and proceeded to the counter. The pharmacist asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?" "Eight", the boy replied. The pharmacist said, "Do you know what these are used for?" The boy said, "Not exactly, but they aren't for me, they're for my brother, he's four. We saw on TV that if you use these, you'd be able to swim, play tennis and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do none of those things!" So, there you have it!