

# 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 CountyWorks Program: Brad Meier and Anisha Zak, Coordinator

October 11: Open

October 18: Open

October 25: Open

# OWATONNA ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, August 9, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Scott Kozelka, Manager of the Steele County Free Fair, who will give us a preview of this year's upcoming fair.

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

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

FROM RI PRESIDENT Shekhar Mehta: "For more than 20 years our membership has stood at 1.2 million. My vision is to increase ROTARY membership to 1.3 million by July, 2022. The call to action is simple.: Each one, Bring One. This year I want every ROTARIAN to introduce a new person into their club. We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to the ROTARY FOUNDATION. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And, of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio."

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

\*New Zealand has more cats per person than any other country in the world.

\*People weigh less if they stand at the equator than if they stand at the North or South poles.

\*At their closest points, the U.S. and Soviet Union are just over two miles apart.

## **FAIR FACTS**

\*Glen Johnson and Deb McDermott Johnson and Richard Steinberg are this year's inductees into the Steele County Livestock Hall of Fame. The Johnsons founded "Cow Camp" for Steele County youth through the Community Education program. They have bred an outstanding herd of Guernsey, Holstein and Brown Swiss cows.

Richard Steinberg is the founder of the Owatonna Rabbit Club. He is responsible for numerous state conventions and served as superintendent of the rabbit shows that were hosted in Owatonna. He is currently a member and has served as President of Rochester Area Rabbit Club for the past 21 years. The induction will take place on Tuesday afternoon of the fair at 2:00 p.m. in the livestock show arena.

Monte and Nancy Mowry will be inducted into the Equine Hall of Fame on Tuesday afternoon of the fair at 1:00 p.m. in the livestock show arena. They are known for starting a program called the "Ride for the Brand-Americans with Disabilities", a program which focuses on individuals with special needs to come to their farm to ride and enjoy the horse experience.

Trinity Lutheran Church will provide free shuttle service to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from their parking lot.

Owatonna Bus Co. will provide free shuttle service from downtown Owatonna to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

So anyway: Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really!?! Like a newborn baby?" "Yep, no hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants!"

Last night I was sitting on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's voice from the kitchen. "What would you like for dinner, my love...chicken, beef or fish?" I said, "I'll have chicken." She replied, "You're having soup. I was talking to the cat!"