

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?

OFFICERS

GLEN MEGER President

DIANE HOLLAND Secretary

JOHN CONNOR Past President

STEVE ARNOLD Treasurer

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Connor

Todd Hale

Mathew Hughes

Dave Effertz

Loren Olson

Diane Holland

Jim Brunner

Ryan Gillespie

Leshia Cummins

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

June 7: Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson, Owatonna Parks and Recreation

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival: Leslie Partridge

June 21: Butterfly Project: Dr. Beth, Chad Lange

June 28: David Yorks: Discrepancies in the President Kennedy Assassination.

July 5: No meeting

July 12: New officer installation

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

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: Open

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Monday, July 12, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: We will officially install our new officers including Glen Meger as our new President. There is at least one opening for the club board of directors. This includes one meeting per month. Let President Meger if interesting in serving.

BIRTHDAYS: Barb Embacher, July 7, Katy Kreuter, July 9, Greg Krueger, July 16, Sharon West, July 17.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Our induction of new officers takes place today. It's a good time to say a special "Thanks" to immediate Past President John Connor. John underwent an unusual year and handled all the presidential duties well. It was stressful at times, and all meetings were held via Zoom. John began a monthly news update about the club that he sent out each month. I hope President Meger will continue that. Thanks John for a job well done.

Also, thanks go out to ROTARIAN Diane Holland for arranging our Zoom connection at each week's meeting and also for your serving as secretary of the club and for training of Leisha Cummins to assume those duties.

Thanks go out to Jim Brunner for his many years of service as treasurer. ROTARIAN Steve Arnold is taking over the duties as treasurer.

Thanks go out to ROTARIAN Mike Jensen for sending out and printing the weekly O'Pinion.

FAIR NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

The fair board has voted to make the Wednesday night grandstand show with Jason Pritchett a FREE show to everyone as the fair salutes and says thank you to all of those who responded to the challenges of COVID-19 last year. The show is entitled "Celebrate Our Front-Line Heroes". The show will also serve as a free-will donation fundraiser for two power-house Steele County non-profits: Community Pathways of Steele County and the United Way of Steele County. Pritchett is an up-and-coming country music star. Plan on coming to the show to salute our first-responders.

Mega Ride tickets for the fair go on sale this Thursday until Tuesday, August 17 at 5 p.m. The tickets are \$55.00 and entitle the holder to unlimited rides all fair week on the fair midway.

The Wells Fargo Auto Museum will feature muscle cars of the 60's and 70's.

AROUND TOWN

The OHS Marching Band ended their summer marching competition on June 27. I haven't gotten competition results from the season yet other than I was told the band earned a first place in the Litchfield Band Festival.

So anyway: Sam died. He provided \$50,000 for an elaborate funeral. As the last attendees left, Sam's wife, Rose, turned to her oldest friend Sadie and said, "Well, I'm sure Sam would be pleased." "I'm sure you're right," replied Sadie, who leaned in close and whispered, "Tell me, how much did it really cost?" "All of it, fifty thousand" said Rose. "No! I mean, it was very nice, but really, \$50,000?" Rose nodded, "The funeral was \$6500. I donated \$500 to the Shul for the Rabbi's services. The shiva food and drinks were another \$500.00. The rest went for the memorial stone." Sadie computed quickly. "\$42,500 for a memorial stone? Oy vey, how big is it?" "Rose replied, "Seven and a half carats!"