

# 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?

### OFFICERS

**GLEN MEGER** Past President  
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Todd Hale	Jeff Hall	Dick Slieter	Jim Brunner
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Brad Vettrus	Steve Arnold	Lois Nelson	
Glen Meger	Lonna Lysne		

**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

# **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Monday, July 18, 2022

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** This week marks the “Changing of the Guard”. Ann Miller is the incoming President of our club. There is no President-Elect selected to succeed Ann next year. If you would be interested in leading our club as its 2023-'24 President please contact President Ann Miller. There are no changes to the Board of Directors with the exception of John Connor being replaced by Glen Meger as Past President.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sharon West, July 17, Ray Stawarz, July 23

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

FROM R.I. PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES: “I take seriously ROTARY’S emerging leadership position on environmental issues. The example set by our members during the COVID-19 pandemic is fundamental to how we carve out our future. That means we will harness digital technology to tell our stories...we will be tweeting, posting, and ‘going live’ to anyone who will listen. We must consider the environment, and part of that means not always traveling but continuing to connect in meaningful ways as we have for the past two years.”

## **FAIR NOTES**

A reminder to members with kids or grandkids in the family that the Fair Mega-Ride tickets are now available at the Hy-Vee service counter. Cost is \$55.00 and entitles the holder to unlimited rides on the Gold Star Midway all fair week. Wrist bands will be issued at the midway ticket office at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16.

Like to try new foods at the fair? There are some plus some returning food vendors that will surely stir your taste buds. Some of the new vendors are SIMPLE SWEET CHEESE CAKE, serving flavored cheesecake cups and four-inch cheese cakes. DIVENTURI serving deep fried mashed potatoes, deep fried buffalo chicken dip, deep fried ravioli, deep fried mac and cheese and loaded French fries BENNY’S BIGFOOT BBQ serving smoked pork belly bites, smoked bacon mac and cheese, yeti dog and yeti nachos, and BRYAN’S SIRLOIN TIPS WAFFLE CHICKS is returning with a variety of foods inside of a waffle on a stick such as chicken tenders and breakfast sausage. They are also serving brownies and snickers

## **THE SEARCH FOR HOST FAMILIES**

Our club is hosting a female student from Italy. Two more host families are needed for 3-4-month commitment. This would be after Thanksgiving until just before Easter and before Easter till June when the student returns home. HOST FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE ROTARIANS. To learn more, contact ROTARIAN Mike Jensen at [mjensen@trimgraphics.com](mailto:mjensen@trimgraphics.com) or call 456-1445.

How long has it been since you’ve checked your headlights, tail lights and brake lights? It’s amazing at the number of cars one sees that have at least one of those lights not working. Some of the newer cars indicate a burned out headlight on the dashboard. It’s hard to detect a headlight out unless you go to the front of the car. The police department can stop you when you have a headlight out and issue a warning for you to get it fixed. On the newer cars, headlights are not replaced with just a bulb...it’s a major job that only a mechanic can do.

So Anyway: An elderly gentleman had hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again!” The gentleman replied, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to conversations. I’ve changed my will three times!”