

# 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

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: Mike Jensen, Little Theatre of Owatonna

September 6: No meeting...Labor Day

September 13: Open

September 20: Steele County United Way

September 27: Open

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Monday, July 19, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We welcome Amy Caron, Steele County Public Health Nurse, who will relate the COVID story in Steele County.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jeff Elstad and Ray Stawarz, July 23

## NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

**FROM RI PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA:** Our new RI President is Shekhar Mehta of Calcutta, India. His message to you, as ROTARIANS: "These are challenging times, and UI compliment each of your efforts in grappling with COVID-19. No challenge is too big for ROTARIANS. The bigger the challenge, the more passionate the ROTARIAN. Look at what we can do when we take on a colossal challenge such as eradicating polio. Look at the millions of lives we improve by strengthening access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Look at what we do each year to promote peace in places where it seems unimaginable. Our basic education and literacy programs have nation-building impact. This year, let us challenge ourselves to do more such projects and programs that have national reach and input. This year, let us *Serve to Change Lives.*"

There are several openings on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on this group of ROTARIANS who govern the direction of our club, please let President Glen know. We are also seeking a person who would like to serve as the club secretary.

Note that we have programs scheduled until August 30. Suggestions? Please let ROTARIAN Todd Hale know.

## FAIR NOTES

As we get closer to the 2021 Steele County Free Fair, each O'Pinion will feature notes about the fair for the benefit of ROTARIANS.

The fair will feature two free grandstand shows this year. The first is the Classic Antique Tractor Pull on Tuesday night. The second is Wednesday night is designed by the SCFF and the United Way to thank all of the Frontline Heroes for their Service Above Self. While we tried to figure how to live in this new version of our community, you went to work every day, so that our basic needs could be met. We know the risk that you put yourself in; and for that, residents of the Steele County Area wish to say THANK YOU! The Jason Pritchett and Travis Thamert Show on Wednesday night will be a free show to salute and thank all of you. Come out and enjoy this free show on Wednesday night.

Mega Ride tickets are now on sale at the Hy-Vee service counter. They are \$55.00 and entitle the holder to unlimited midway rides all fair week.

The color brochures featuring all you want to know about the fair are now available at various businesses in Owatonna and at the fair office. Pick up as many as you wish to send to friends and relatives. The official pocket guides are also available.

So anyway: Sam died. His will 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 lowered her voice to a whisper. "Tell me, how much did it really cost?" "All of it", said Rose. "Fifty thousand," "No!" Sadie exclaimed. "I mean it was very nice, but really, \$50,000?" Rose nodded. "The funeral was \$650, I donated \$500 to the shul for the Rabbi's services. The shiva food and drinks were another \$500. 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!"

## HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!