

# 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 and 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

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, July 26, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from the President of the Owatonna Mayo Clinic, Dr. Jason-Wray-Rabolle.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kory Kath, July 28, Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

From R.I. President, Shekhar Mehta: "The beauty of ROTARY is that service means different things to different people around the world. One element, however, that we can incorporate into all of our service initiatives is *empowering girls*. Unfortunately, even in this day and age, girls and young women face disproportionate challenges all over the world. We have the power to lead the charge for gender equality. Empowering girls and young women to have greater access to education, better health care, more employment, and equality in all walks of life should be embedded in every ROTARY project we launch. Girls are future leaders, so we must ensure that we help them shape their future."

**DID YOU KNOW?** A single strand of Spaghetti is called "Spaghetto".

Hershey's Kisses are named after the kissing sound the deposited chocolate makes as it falls from the machine onto the conveyor belt.

## **A ROTARY FACT**

ROTARY believes in taking action to create positive change in communities. That's why ROTARY members participate in thousands of events around the globe, including the Miles to End Polio bike ride, to raise fund to help eradicate polio and support other causes. ROTARY IS PEOPLE OF ACTION!

Tuesday, August 3, is the annual Minnesota "Night to Unite" celebration. Neighbors throughout Owatonna are invited to participate in this celebration of community, crime prevention and strong police community partnerships. Gather your block neighbors together for this community-wide event. To register, call Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200 or Wendy Gasner at 507-774-7204.

## **FAIR NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

\*There will be two free grandstand shows this year. On Tuesday night, the Antique Tractor Pull is free to all. Wednesday night's Jason Pritchett and Travis Thamert Show will be free to all. The show will celebrate our Frontline Heroes! Drawings will be held throughout the evening for fun prizes and a freewill donation will be accepted, with all proceeds going to Community Pathways and United Way of Steele County.

The fair dates are August 17-22. If you have youngsters who wish to work at the fair, they must stop by the fair office and give contact information. The entity wanting help during the fair will contact you.

The color and pocket brochures related to the fair are now available. Stop by the fair office and pick up as many as you need.

We recently lost a loyal ROTARIAN Harold McGregor passed away a week and a half ago. He enjoyed ROTARY and the speakers that were featured in our programs and rarely missed a meeting.

So anyway: I don't know what's wrong with my RV, but I was getting C-Span and Home Shopping Network on the same channel and I bought a Congressman!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!