

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY: BE THE INSPIRATION

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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PROGRAMS

July 9: Mark Fritsch: Climate Change...why the debate?

July 16: Lonna Lysne, Report on RI Convention in Toronto

July 23: Shirley Schultz, Mainstreet Owatonna

July 30: James Lundgren, Director, Steele County Historical Society

August 6: Preview: Steele County Free Fair: Scott Kozelka

August 13: Drawing: We All Play Raffle

August 20: Julie Rethemeier: Federated Drive Safely Initiative

August 27: Brew Pub: Roger Wareheim and Dave Effertz

September 3: No meeting...Labor Day

September 10: Steele County Workforce Initiative

September 17: Michael Wells, Sr. Scout Executive, Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts

September 24: Steele County United Way

October 1: Meet the Candidates: Congressional

October 8: Meet the Candidates: County

October 15: Meet the Candidates: City

October 22: Meet the Candidates: Legislative

October 29: Meet the Candidates: School Board

November 5: Dan Bass, Winona: "Coming in on a wing and a prayer"...a crash landing near Ellendale

November 12: Allied Against Opioid Abuse: Mary Kuna

November 19: Kerry Holmgren, Faribault/Owatonna Honoring Choices

November 26: Rotary Foundation: Roger Warehime

December 3: Open

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Monday, July 30, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to James Lundgren, Director of the Steele County History Center

BIRTHDAYS: Kim Cosens, Sept.28, Stephanie Olson,Sept. 29

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Two Owatonna High School sports will be celebrating 50 years later this year. The Owatonna Gymnastics program began 50 years ago. Coaches, parents and families are invited to attend a gathering on Friday, August 17 from 7:00-10:00 at the Country Club. The Owatonna boy's hockey program is celebrating its 50th year with a golf tournament on Friday, September 21 and a banquet on Saturday, September 22 at the fairgrounds. At that banquet, official dedication of the naming of the two hockey rinks at the Four Seasons Centre will take place. The east rink will be known as the Dudley Otto Rink, in memory of the first boy's hockey coach. The west rink will be known as the Austin-Wilcox Rink, to honor Ken Austin and ROTARIAN Ken Wilcox who played a big part of the beginning of the youth hockey and boy's high school hockey program.

This past Thursday, an observance of "Christmas in July" was held during Krazy Days in Central Park. Past members of the Owatonna High School Christmas Carolers sang holiday songs. Honored director was Roger Tenney who directed a couple of numbers.

The 2019 RI Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany. Dates are June 1 to 5.

Ouch! The cost of living has become so expensive in the Northern California counties of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin, families earning up to \$117,400 annually qualify as low income!

Have you held on to your land telephone line? As consumers grow tired of the inconsistent services provided by cellphones and the constant distractions of texts and alerts, many Americans are holding onto their landlines. Roughly 44% of households nationwide still retain landline service.

Starbucks is eliminating plastic straws from all of its stores by 2020 to reduce environmental waste. The coffee chain currently uses 1 billion plastic straws annually. The move means the company will also eliminate dome lids from all its beverages, with the exception of Frappuccinos, replacing them with plastic sip lids.

SOME ROTARY HISTORICAL NOTES

ROTARIANS Sharon West and Sabra Otteson were the first females to assume Presidency of the Owatonna ROTARY Club. Sharon was President in 1992-1993 and Sabra followed her in 1993-1994.

The first international service project of our club was in 1992 when a \$1500 donation, matched by the ROTARY FOUNDATION provided a medical van in Madagascar. Also in 1992 the club funded the Welcome shrub on I-35. In 1993, the club initiated the two-bell meeting opening procedure.

We end today with "The Ball Story". An old cowboy walks into the barbershop for a shave and a haircut and he tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin. When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he's had in years! But, he wanted to know what would have happened if he had swallowed that little ball? The barber replied, "Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does." SO THERE YOU HAVE IT!

FAIR TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...AUGUST 14-19.