



O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

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: Owatonna Clinic
- November 26: Open
- December 3: Open
- December 10: Open

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Monday, July 9, 2018

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Our own ROTARIAN Mark Fritsch: "Climate Change, Why the Debate?", plus induction of new officers and board members.

BIRTHDAYS: Katy Kreutter, July 9

TIDBITS FOR ROTARIANS

Thanks are due: Kim Cosens (piano), John Muellerleile (song leader and bulletin proof reader), Mike Jensen (bulletin printing and distribution), Todd Hale (weekly bulletin), Keith Hiller, (last year's president) and Shane Sattler, (board service).

A message from RI President Barry Rassin

The new theme for this ROTARY year is "Be the Inspiration". President Rassin writes, "I want to see ROTARY *Be the Inspiration*" for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let's give all ROTARIANS the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every ROTARIAN finds enduring value in their membership."

Choosing the perfect melon

If you grocery shop and are confused as to how to find the perfect melon, here are some tips:

Watermelons should feel heavy for their size, and they should have firm shiny rinds. Look for a large yellow spot, which is where the melon rested on the ground. Those spots start out white, but turn golden as sugars develop. And, forget what you heard about the best melons sounding hollow when you knock on them....that's a myth.

Cantaloupes, like all other melons, don't ripen once they've been picked, so make sure they have a strong aroma. They should also give slightly when you squeeze them. Syrupy juice leaking from the stem end is always a good sign, but beware of mushy rinds, brownish colors and too much spotting or scarring. That goes for all melons.

Honeydew melons will have a white or creamy color when they are ripe. The rind should be free of microhairs and feel slightly tacky. Melon aromas and slight scarring around the stem also indicate sweetness.

Here's a question for you: How many times should you shuffle cards? Answer: Seven shuffles are considered optimal. Fewer than that, and the cards aren't mixed well enough. After seven shuffles, mixing doesn't improve enough to make it worth the effort.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "WE ALL PLAY" PROJECT CAN BE GIVEN TO TREASURER JIM BRUNNER OR SENT TO THE CHAMBER FOUNDATION AT THE OWATONNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKED "ROTARY, WE ALL PLAY"

ROTARIANS are invited to the Steele County Historical Society "Extravaganza" this coming Sunday, July 15. A full afternoon of activities at the Village of Yesteryear is slated for the entire family. Come and have lunch, enjoy the music and tour the grounds. The Dunnell House and museum will be open to all at no charge.

A woman's revenge: "Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a TV set in her purse. "So, do you always carry your TV remote" I asked. "No", she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."