

Rotary O-Pinion

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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

March 2: Al Smith, “Women of War”

March 9: Joe Stiles, Furnishing Hope

March 16: Meeting canceled

March 23: Meeting canceled

March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

April 6: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

April 13: TBA

April 20: TBA

April 27: TBA

May 4: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Health System

May 11: Hosting OHS National Honor Society: Speaker: Joyce Madsen

May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

May 25: No meeting...Memorial Day

June 1: Monique Hammond: Hearing Loss, the Silent Epidemic

June 8: Jeff Elstad: Superintendent of Schools: Update on building of new high school

June 15: Open

June 22: Dr. Laura Niederhofer, University of Minnesota Researcher

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Monday, April 13, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: To be announced

BIRTHDAYS: Loren Olson, Richard Slieter, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson and Harold McGregor, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13, Corey Mensink, 14, Doug Ruth, April 17, Steve Rohlik, April 18.

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Reyk, Germany

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

We are not meeting as a group at least until the end of April, however, meetings will take place via Zoom each Monday starting around noon.

To connect to our meetings Monday noon, click on the link included in the e-mail you will receive from Diane Holland. The link will launch Zoom, an app that will let you connect to the meeting. The app will need to automatically install on your device the first time you connect. You should allow it to do that. For that reason, it is good to connect 5 or 10 minutes early so your device is ready when the meeting starts. If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone, you may just call in using a phone, obviously lacking a video, but still hearing the conversation and be able to talk. The phone number is 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592.

Once you get connected, you should mute your computer microphone so that any background noise in your area is not picked up by the group. Remember to un-mute when you want to talk. To help us take turns talking, there is a "Raise Hand" feature that will alert the leaders that you would like to talk. They will call on you, then unmute and begin to talk.

There is also a chat feature that will allow you to send a written message to the leaders or the group. Good luck! I found that using the phone and listening to the audio of the meeting is easiest for me.

ROTARIAN Dave Allard has offered to provide assistance to anyone who would like help in being connected on Zoom. You can e-mail him at david@celebrations4you.com.

The board of directors have approved postponing the shredding project until fall.

"I'm so excited to take the garbage out. I wonder what I should wear?"

"I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom!"

"My body absorbed so much soap and Disinfectant lately, that when I pee it cleans the toilet!"

From Mark Daniel Maloney, RI President:

"We have witnessed how millions of people...families and entire communities...have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty and disasters during the past decade But ROTARY has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis. The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength, how *Rotary Connects the World*, we can begin to find solutions Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, ROTARY can and will open opportunities to face these challenges."

So anyway: Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. lately their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now, don't get mad at me....I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

STAY SAFE AND STAY INDOORS!