

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

June 29: Kyle Skov, Owatonna Public Works Director

July 6: Induction of new officers and board members

July 13: Dr. Richard Huston, Pakistan Polio Plus

July 20: Julie Anderson, Exec. Dir., Steele County Transitional Housing

July 27: Richard Baumer, Polio Survivor

August 3: Little Theatre, New season preparations in midst of COVID 19: Victoria Bartowiak, Mike Jensen

August 10: Brad Meier, President, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

August 17: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Health System update

August 24: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

August 31: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools: Update

September 7: No Meeting...Labor Day

September 14: United Way kickoff

September 21: Jim Jacobson, Accelerated Aviation

September 28: Visit from District Governor (Via ZOOM)

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Monday, August 10, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Chamber of Commerce President ROTARIAN Brad Meier will talk about how the pandemic has been affecting business in Owatonna and what the Chamber is doing to assist them.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bill Owens, Aug. 9, Jeff Hall, Aug. 11, Kim Nelson, Aug. 12, Chad Lange, Aug. 15

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

### **FROM R.I. PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK**

“We all agree that we need to grow ROTARY, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave your club. Let’s grow ROTARY sustainably. ROTARY’S flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we’re different from any other club. Let’s celebrate that ROTARY is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings. It’s fascinating how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn’t changed and never will in ROTARY: The friendships, the networking, the ethics and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make ROTARY attractive to all.

THANKS TO ROTARIAN DIANE HOLLAND FOR SETTING UP OUR CONNECTION WITH EACH OTHER VIA ZOOM FOR EACH WEEK’S MEETING!

ROTARIANS around the world are coming together to find solutions to disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic, but we need your help to fund these initiatives. Your donations to the ROTARY FOUNDATION can help ROTARY clubs respond to needs both in their local communities and around the globe.

### **THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW**

- \*The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.
- \*The process by which bread toasts is called the “Maillard Reaction”.
- \*Snails have 14,000 teeth and some can even kill you!
- \*Sonic the Hedgehog’s full name is actually Ogilvie Maurice Hedgehog.
- \*Most toilet paper sold in France is pink.
- \*The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

ROTARIAN Jeff Elstad, Superintendent of Owatonna Public Schools has been named as one member of a group of seven public school superintendents who will serve on a work group appointed by the Governor to discuss and advise him on school issues that are being faced by the state.

### **WEATHER PROGNOSTICATIONS**

- \*If the first week in August is unusually warm, the winter will be white and long.
- \*Thunderstorms after August 24 are mostly violent.
- \*When it rains in August, it rains honey and wine.

So anyway: Wife: “Am I getting fat during quarantine?” Husband: “You weren’t really skinny to begin with.”  
Time of death: 11 p.m.