

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 24, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: There's always something new going on in Medford. Here to tell us what's new in Medford and what issues are being addressed is the Mayor of Medford, fellow ROTARIAN Lois Nelson (by ZOOM).

SPECIAL NOTE: The Board of Directors has voted to begin in-person meetings at the Country Club on September 14. The meetings will also be carried on ZOOM.

BIRTHDAYS: Anna Heisler, Aug. 28, Josh Burgess, Aug. 29

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

A timely book, "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" by Vivek Murthy, a former U.S. surgeon general. He found that loneliness...the lack of meaningful human connection...affects 55 million people in the United States and that our need to bond with others is as fundamental as hunger or thirst. Service is an effective path toward creating and maintaining those bonds.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY: The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each ROTARIAN'S occupation as an opportunity to serve society; **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each ROTARIAN'S personal, business and community life; **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Did you know? 76% of the readers of the ROTARIAN magazine said working in their local community is their top priority.

Did you know? Bullfrogs do not sleep.

Did you know? It took the creator of Rubik's Cube, Erno Rubik, one month to solve the cube after he created it: The world record is 4.22 seconds.

If this would have been a normal year, the massive clean-up of the fairgrounds would begin after the 2020 Steele County Free Fair. The drive-in "Food Fest" was a success, but was a far cry from the actual fair. Onward and upward as plans are already being made for the 2021 fair.

Canceled events: Corky's Early Bird softball tournament which was moved from its regular May date to September has been canceled altogether for this year. The "Outdoor Movie Night" at the airport scheduled for this Saturday and the CAP French Toast Fly-in breakfast on Sunday have been canceled.

The Owatonna Foundation has announced its next grant application deadline is September 1. Complete grant guidelines and applications are available on the Foundation website at www.owatonnafoundation.org.

So anyway: A new and easy test for the horror of COVID 19 is simple, quick and positive (or negative).

Take a glass and pour a good amount of your favorite wine into it; then see if you can smell it. If you can, then you are halfway there. Then drink it. If you can taste it then it is reasonable to assume you are currently free of the virus because the loss of the sense of smell and taste is a common symptom.

I tested myself seven times last night and was virus free every time, thank goodness. I will have to test myself again today because I have developed a throbbing headache which can also be one of the symptoms. I'll report my results later.

