

# 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 3, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** ROTARIAN Mike Jensen and Victoria Bartowiak will present plans for Little Theatre of Owatonna to embark on the new season of productions.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1, Troy Klecker, Aug. 2, Wes Kain, Aug. 5, Mark Mueller, Aug. 8

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

The Board of Directors will be meeting later this month to decide whether to continue holding meetings on ZOOM or go to in-person meetings. If you have thoughts on this, let President John know.

## **FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK**

"I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, ROTARY has not stopped. We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that ROTARY is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere...in traditional meetings, on cellphones and on computers. ROTARY offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so."

## **ENHANCING SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE DRINKING**

A British pub owner has come up with a novel way of enforcing social distancing: an electric fence between bartenders and patrons. Owner Johnny McFadden said he installed the fence in front of the bar to ensure that patrons don't get too close. "Before the fence, people were not following social distancing and were doing as they pleased," he said. "but now they take heed to the guidance." The fence, added McFadden, is for "everybody's benefit" and isn't usually live, but he warned, "It can be turned on."

## **FAIR FEST COMING**

There will be no SCFF this year, however the fair will offer a variety of fair food choices during the upcoming "Fair Fest" planned for four days of fair week. Up to 20 food booths will be spread out over the fairgrounds to enable fairgoers to satisfy their yearning for fair food. More details forthcoming as to the food that will be offered and the hours of operation.

## **A QUOTE FROM THE LATE JOHN LEWIS**

"I appeal to all of you to get into this great revolution that is sweeping this nation. Get in and stay in the streets of every city, every village, and hamlet of this nation until true freedom comes, until the revolution of 1776 is complete. To those who have said, "Be patient and wait", we have long said that we cannot be patient. We do not want our freedom gradually. We are tired. We are tired of being beaten by policemen. We are tired of seeing our people locked up in jail over and over again. we want our freedom and we want it now."

"Now that I'm older I thought it was great that I seemed to have more patience. Turns out I just don't give a damn!"

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at \$5,000 a month!

My grandpa started walking five minutes a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we have no idea where the hell he is.

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR MEETING. ROTARIAN DIANE HOLLAND WILL SEND THE LINK.