

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

November. 9: Rotary Foundation: Roger Warehime

November. 16: Mark Blando: Director of Public Library

November. 23: Kellen Hinrichsen, new Exec. Dir of History Center

November 30: Lonna Lysne: COVID complications traveling to India, Bhutan & Nepal

December 7: Amber Backus, Minn. Auto Dealers Assn.

December 14: Rick Olson, Prior Lake Rotary: “Improving Lives in Nakivale”

December 21: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

December 28: Ed Marek, District Gov. (by Zoom)

January 4: Holly Jorgenson: Let’s Smile Executive Director

January 11: David Ulrich: 21st Century Mining

January 18: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Mayo Clinic

January 25: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

Feb. 1: Open

Feb. 8: Open

Feb. 15: Open

Feb. 22: Open

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Monday, December 21, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: By ZOOM, we will hear from Fellow ROTARIAN Brad Meier, President of the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, with an update on business in Owatonna and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BIRTHDAYS: Matt Ketelson, Dec. 22

STUDENT ROTARIANS: John Pfefer, Kaden Nelson, Lauryn Bateman and Zachard Kubicek

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

The Interact Club of Kayhi, Alaska, held a virtual high school prom for more than 500 students with help from a radio station managed by a ROTARY member. The club paid for a band and there were dance and trivia contests with prizes from local businesses.

The ROTARY Club of Bensheim-Heppenheim, Germany, organized concerts for residents and caregivers in senior living homes. Musicians performed from areas outside the facilities while residents listened from their balconies or nearby park benches.

The ROTARY Club of downtown Los Angeles, built and stocked a dozen public bookcases around the city so children and adults would have better access to books. People use them to both take and give books. The libraries reach areas without many sources of books, especially when public libraries are closed.

The ROTARY Clubs of Almere and Almere Weerwater, the Netherlands, purchased 2,559 bouquets totaling more than 50,000 tulips to give to health care workers at 77 locations in Almere.

DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW LONG TOILET PAPER WILL LAST IF YOU FREEZE IT?

SOME CHRISTMAS NOTES

The first American to print and sell Christmas Cards was Louis Prang of Roxbury, Mass. who began publishing cards in 1875.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is given credit for sending the first "official" Christmas card from the White House. An art print also became the standard Christmas gift for the president's staff, a practice continued to this day.

NOTES ON DECEMBER

*A green Christmas, a white Easter

*As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens

*If it rains much during the 12 days after Christmas, it will be a wet year

*Today is the first day of winter. The good news is, the days start becoming longer starting today.

This is hysterical! You have to try this. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. There's nothing you can do about it and I know you're going to try it again!

ALL ROTARIANS...HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!