

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: Mac Hamilton: North Cedar project

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 Health

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, Dec. 7, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: MEETING ON ZOOM: Speaker will be Amber Backus, Vice President of Public Affairs, Mn. Automobile Dealer's Association. Amber has over 20 years working as a government relations professional, representing clients before the Minnesota Legislature and state agencies. Currently she leads the advocacy efforts for the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (MADA), a trade group representing Minnesota's 370 franchised new car and truck dealers.

BIRTHDAYS: Roger Wareheim, Dec. 3

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Welcome to John Pfeifer, Kaden Nelson, Lauryn Bateman, and Zachary Kubicek.

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

From RI President Holger Knaack: "I will choose to remember 2020 as a year of great change and strength for us in ROTARY. ROTARY didn't stop, regardless of the pandemic. We removed obstacles, found new ways to connect, and embraced new approaches to service, such as online projects and virtual fundraising. We should be optimistic about ROTARY in the year ahead. We are not just surviving we are gaining strength. We are discovering how resilient our organization truly is. We are seeing for ourselves how ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES. even during pandemics, to grow, connect, and engage our members and the communities. From our home in Ratzeburg to yours, Susanne and I would like to bid you and your family the warmest of season's greetings. We can't wait to see the good things that 2021 will bring."

ROTARY RESPONDS. NOW IS THE TIME TO SHARE OUR STORIES AS PEOPLE OF ACTION. LET'S SHOW THE WORLD THAT NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ROTARY CLUBS ARE CONNECTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

You never realize how anti-social you are until there's a pandemic and your life really doesn't change that much.

Have you driven by Central Park at night and seen the light display? It's fantastic and seems to light up the entire downtown. The display of new lights was made possible from donations made from community members.

Due to the pandemic there will be no holiday concerts in the Owatonna Public Schools this year.

How many of you remember having your own Slinky? They are still available at Walmart and other large outlets. The Slinky was a famous toy designed in the 1940's by engineer Richard James of Philadelphia, who was attempting to develop an antivibration device for naval instruments. After watching a torsion spring turn end over end when it fell off a table, he discovered it was a hit with kids and the rest is history. Besides the regular Slinky, there is the very popular Slinky Dog still available. The Slinky Dog has the wire toy as its main body attached by the dog's head and hind quarters.

Here are some Slinky facts: In the Slinky's well over 60 years of production, three million miles of wire have been used. That's 126 times around the Earth. Unwound, the Slinky is about 80 feet long.

So anyway: An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What's the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What's the name of the flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of the restaurant we went to last night?"