

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, January 4, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome by Zoom Holly Jorgenson, Executive Director of "Let's Smile"

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Cora Barrett, Lane Versteeg, Lindsay Bangs and Matt Seykora

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Your ROTARY Club will continue meeting via Zoom for the indeterminate future. If you have program suggestions, please let the program chair know. All of February is open at this time.

ROTARY RESPONDS. LET'S SHOW THE WORLD THAT NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ROTARY CLUBS ARE CONNECTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SOME ROTARY NOTES

*This past July, the ROTARY FOUNDATION approved its largest-ever global grant: \$1.1 million to train health care workers in Liberia and provide equipment to a hospital ship that will serve the region.

According to LinkedIn data from January to August, 2020, ROTARY is among the ten organizations with the highest average number of monthly volunteers.

DID YOU KNOW?

There was no fair last year, but the Steele County Fair lent assistance in the community during the fall season. The little buildings and barricades that you have seen at the testing sites for COVID are the fair parking shelters that are used during the fair. If you work at Viracon some of the handwashing stations that are placed throughout the facility are the handwashing stations used at the fair. You are able to watch the United Way fund increase on the digital signage that is located on the fairgrounds at the corner of Cedar and 18th. When restaurants were not able to open inside during the warmer months, the fair furnished picnic tables to some of them to provide outdoor dining.

Remember the Drive-Thru Food Fest held at the fairgrounds? This was a three-day event offering fair food to carloads of folks who missed the food at last year's fair. Over 6,000 vehicles drove through the fairgrounds purchasing fair food from 16 different vendors.

WE'VE MISSED SEEING YOU ON ZOOM!

Dave Allard, Earl Anderson, Julie Anderson, Todd Buegler, Josh Burgess, Kim Cosens, Jerry Deetz, Pam DeMorett, Gregg Draeger, Dave Effertz.

SOME NEW YEAR ADAGES

Check out the wind at sunrise New Year's Day. If you had any fun the night before, it will be hard to wake at dawn. If you forgot to check the wind, don't worry! Other lore says that the first 12 days of the year are just as useful. The weather on the first, good or bad, will reflect how January will feel. The second forecasts February, and so on.

SO ANYWAY

*Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman. "What do you think is the best thing about being 104?" a reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure".

*I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and said, "Are you having it catered?" And, that, my friend, is the definition of OLD.

*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!