

# 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: Open

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: Open

September 7: No Meeting...Labor Day

September 14: United Way kickoff

September 21: Open

September 28: Visit from District Governor

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Monday, July 13, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** (By ZOOM): Welcome to Dr. Richard Huston of Faribault who will speak of his visit on behalf of PolioPlus to Pakistan.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Greg Krueger, July 16, Sharon West, July 17.

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

The Board of Directors have decided to conduct our meetings on ZOOM until further notice. Also, billing for the next six months will not be sent out at this time. When bills do come to members, they will be adjusted to a lower amount due to the fact that lunch is not be served by the Country Club at this time.

**FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK:** “Hello, Owatonna ROTARIANS! Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed in the theme of *ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITY* at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID 19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed in for many years. ROTARY is not just a club that you join, it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that ROTARY opens opportunities to live a richer, more meaningful life with friends around the world, based on core values.”

**BRAIN FACTS:** Here are some interesting brain facts for ROTARIANS:

- \*Your brain recognizes your touch, so you can't tickle yourself
- \*Your brain generates 10-23 watts of electricity.
- \*You have an average of 70,000 thoughts per day
- \*Your brain can't feel pain: a headache involves nerves and muscles in your head.
- \*Stress alters brain cells and function.
- \*Your brain needs 20% of your blood and oxygen to function.
- \*There are 100,000 miles of blood vessels in your brain

**Ya like hot dogs?** The annual July 4 hot dog eating contest was held on Coney Island was held lacking an audience this year. The location of this year's hot dog slog, which has been held every summer since 1916 except 1941, when it was canceled due to the war in Europe, was not disclosed ahead of the event to discourage loyal fans from flocking to it.

The contest was limited to five women and six men to allow for social distancing. One woman could not attend due to restrictions on travel from New York to Arizona where coronavirus cases are surging.

Joey Chestnut of San Jose, Calif, won his 13<sup>th</sup> title last weekend after eating a record 75 hot dogs in 10 minutes. The reigning women's champion, Miki Sudo of Torrington, Conn. defended her title this year, winning for the seventh time by scarfing down a record 48 and a half hot dogs.

So anyway: The irate senior citizen called the newspaper office loudly demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. “Madam”, said the newspaper employee, “Today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow...on SUNDAY.” There was a long pause at the other end of the phone, and then the lady muttered, “Hmmm...that's why no one was at church today!”

And finally: In search of good used golf equipment, the man found the following ad: “Ping, full set, irons and woods. I'm done! Some minor damage from throwing clubs. Your cost equals my last score! \$98.00