

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 of Owatonna; Preparations for new season: 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: 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 20, 2020

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THIS WEEK: Rotarian Julie Andrews, Executive Director, Steele County Transitional Housing

BIRTHDAYS: Jeff Elstad and Ray Stawarz, July 23

ROTARY NOTES

THE ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO CONTINUE MEETING VIA ZOOM THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST. MORE INFORMATION ON ADJUSTED DUES WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

ROTARY and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are drawing on their experience fighting polio outbreaks to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. ROTARIANS helped build the polio eradication infrastructure used for detecting the poliovirus and delivering vaccinations, and that infrastructure is enabling a strong response to COVID-19, especially in polio endemic countries.

GPEI has advised countries that were panning polio immunization campaigns to pause them until the second half of 2020 to inhibit further spread of COVID-19.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS JUST FOR ROTARIANS

*Donkey Kong got his name because his creator believed 'donkey' meant 'stupid' in English and wanted to convey the impression that the character was a "Stupid Ape".

*The medical name for a butt crack is "intergluteal cleft".

*People can suffer from a psychological disorder called Boanthropy that makes them believe that they are a cow. They try to live their life as a cow.

*The name for the shape of Pringles is called a 'Hyperbolic Paraboloid'.

*There is a McDonalds in every continent except Antartica.

*Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on TV

*A duel between three people is actually called a truel

*The stage before frostbite is called 'frostnip'.

Did you know: The new name for the apartment complex in Owatonna, formerly known as Park Place is now "Bridgewater". Former residents are now moving back in to the complex after internal construction was completed, although there are openings because some of the former residents will be staying where they relocated during the construction period.

All we can do this year is to think of stories and experiences at past Steele County Fairs. Here's one: There was one and one only 'Junk Food Eating Contest' held at the fair. Not sure of the year, but all attorneys and office staff of the Ruth/Schreiner law firm were involved. There were very simple rules. Take \$10.00 and purchase the worst combinations of junk food that represented anti-health, anti-wellness, and anti-good nutrition. Judging was based on originality and grossness and EVERYTHING had to be purchased and eaten at the fair. The judges announced a tie between attorneys Scott Schreiner and Shaun Floerke. Schreiner's concoction included a Taco Burrito with French Fried Onions, mini donuts and cotton candy all inside. Floerke submitted a chocolate dipped corn dog, and a strawberry malt with cheese curds inside topped by a Shish Kabob.

Did you know? A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles per year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol per year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!