

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, New season preparations in midst of COVID 19: 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: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools: Update

September 7: No Meeting...Labor Day

September 14: United Way kickoff

September 21: Jim Jacobson, Accelerated Aviation

September 28: Visit from District Governor (Via ZOOM)

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Monday, July 27, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Richard Baumer, Polio Survivor

BIRTHDAYS: Kory Kath, July 28, Jerry Deetz, July 31, Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Our meetings continue to take place on ZOOM and will continue on that format until further notice at least through August.

Note that there is an opening for a speaker at the August 31 meeting...if you wish to reserve that date, let Todd know ASAP.

FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK

“Just because there are greater opportunities than ever for ROTARY to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly...and was doing so even before COVID-19. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to ZOOM and SKYPE. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve, but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like ROTARY or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare ROTARY for the future.”

AM I HEARING THINGS?

Here's an interesting question from a reader of Parade Magazine to "Ask Marilyn". "When my fan is running and the room is quiet, I sometimes think I hear music or someone talking, as if a radio were on. Is this possible?"

Marilyn answers: "This is a phenomenon called "auditory pareidolia", in which one hears patterns in random data and interprets them as music or conversation. Common sources include fans, rushing wind, air conditioners, white-noise generators and the drone onboard a plane in flight. It's harmless, so try to enjoy the experience. Some people even listen for their favorite music and find it!"

Here's a question for ROTARIANS: Tony the Tiger arrived with a great corn cereal in 1952. What was it? (Answer below).

Last area fair canceled: The board of the Mower County Fair in Austin waited until the last minute to decide to cancel their fair this year. That makes all of the fairs in our area canceled due to the pandemic: Waseca, Steele, Mower, Freeborn, and Dodge fairs are all skipped for this year.

So anyway: When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. Somehow, I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer...always something more important. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and went into the house. I was gone only a minute. When I came out again I handed her a toothbrush and said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." Doctors say I will walk again but I will always have a limp!"

Answer to question:
Frosted Flakes