

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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

May 11: Police Chief Keith Hiller (on Zoom)

May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition (on Zoom)

May 25: No meeting... Memorial Day

June 1: Monique Hammond: Hearing Loss, the Silent Epidemic

June 8: Jeff Elstad: Superintendent of Schools: Update on building of new high school

June 15: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

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: Open

July 27: Open

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Monday, June 1, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK (BY ZOOM):** Monique Hammond, a registered pharmacist who lost hearing in her left ear from a loud bang at a church fundraiser 10 years ago. The incident became a life changer, she had to quit her job at the University of Minnesota Pharmacy. Monique had graduated with high distinction from the U of M College of Pharmacy. After losing hearing, she did 5 years of research and wrote the book: "What Did You Say? An Unexpected Journey into the World of Hearing Loss (now in 2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Monique was appointed by the governor to the Commission of Deaf, Deafblind and Hard-Of-Hearing where she completed two terms as vice-chair. She is also past president of the Twin Cities Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kim Westphal, May 31

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

The Board of Directors, at their May meeting, determined that for the foreseeable future, meetings will continue to meet on ZOOM. The Country Club, at this point, can only serve diners outside, which would not accommodate our needs. If you haven't joined the meeting on ZOOM, it is very simple as Dianne, our Secretary, sends you a link to easily join the meeting. Give it a try if you haven't already!

## **A MESSAGE FROM R.I. PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY**

"Our connection to one another as ROTARIANS is based upon mutual respect for our differences as well as our appreciation for what we have in common. Community is the sum of individuals...individuals who have concern for one another, who care, share, and take responsibility. As I have witnessed the members of the ROTARY community act to care for humanity amid the coronavirus pandemic, I have seen the aloha of ROTARY. We are indeed people of action. Every day, but particularly during this pandemic, the ROTARY community has demonstrated its aloha spirit. It is a gift to be shared and we are each a steward of this gift of ROTARY."

An interesting fact: 57% of Americans say they are very worried about a "second wave" of Covid-19 as the country starts to reopen. 31% are very worried that continuing to social distance will bring "unnecessary damage to the economy and Americans' livelihoods." 58% said they trust their state and local governments more than President Trump to handle the response to the pandemic, while 28% trust Trump and the federal government more.

A revised date has been set for the "7 at 7" concert series in Central Park. It will be July 2. The "Downtown Thursday" will be held on July 2 and August 6.

The Minnesota State Fair for 2020 has been canceled. A decision will be reached soon for the Steele County Free Fair.

A graduation ceremony for the OHS Class of 2020 will be held this Sunday, June 7 in the Federated parking lot on South Cedar. Grads will have to remain in their cars and can be recognized by honking their horn when their name is called.

So anyway: Here are some ways to know you are getting old:

- \*Your wife says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one, I can't do both".
- \*Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot!
- \*A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door!
- \*You don't care where your spouse goes, as long as you don't have to go along
- \*You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor and not the police.
- \*An "all-nighter" means not getting up to use the bathroom

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!