

# 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 7: Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson, Owatonna Parks and Recreation

June 14: Preview: Wenger Marching Band Festival: Leslie Partridge

June 21: Butterfly Project: Dr. Beth, Chad Lange, Jim Brunner

June 28: David Yorks: Discrepancies in the President Kennedy Assassination.

July 5: No meeting

July 12: Randy Rickman, Regional President and Publisher, APG Southern Minn. (People's Press)

July 19: Open

July 26: Dr. Jason Wray-Raabolle...Mayo Health System, Owatonna

August 2: Open

August 9: Scott Kozelka, Preview: 2021 SCFF

August 16: OHS football coach, Jeff Williams

August 23: Open

August 30: Open

September 6: No meeting...Labor Day

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Monday, June 7, 2021

Editor: Todd Hale

WELCOME BACK ROTARIANS! IN-PERSON MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM NOW ON!

**THIS WEEK:** Missy Ahrens and Tim Truelson of Owatonna Parks and Recreation will give an update on the "We All Play" project and also will acknowledge and accept a \$50,000 check from our club for the project.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Allard, June 8, Kirby Knutson, June 11, Jerry Kopel, June 12

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

### **FROM RI PRESIDENT HOLGER KNAACK**

"I am very proud of the work ROTARY is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combatting false misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus...the environment. The world is a different place today from when I announced that **ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES**. We can all be proud of how we updated what ROTARY can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep ROTARY alive and thriving."

Your Board of Directors voted to designate our club as part of the Adopt-A-Park program through Parks and Recreation. We will adopt Manthey Park. This is a two-year commitment and the park needs to be cleaned once monthly from April through October. Six to ten members will be needed to clean up the park. Clean-up should not last more than an hour. Contact Troy Klecker to sign up to help.

There is still a need for funds to provide flower baskets downtown. It takes approximately \$125.00 to purchase and care for baskets per season. There have not been enough contributions to the flower basket fund and the program is in jeopardy of being cut short for the season. If you can help with a tax-deductible donation, make a check payable to the Chamber Foundation-Flower Basket Program and send it to the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, 320 Hoffman Dr., Owatonna, Mn.

Resignations from the club have been received from Earl Anderson, Jim Killen, and Steve Rohlik.

Last week on June 3, the groundbreaking for the CedarScape project downtown was held. A massive renovation of Cedar Ave from Rose Street to Broadway will take place.

So Anyway: Bert feared his wife might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doc. to discuss the problem. The Doc. told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doc a better idea about her hearing loss. The Doc. said, "Here's what you do. Stand about 40 feet away from her and in a normal conversational speaking tone, see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet and so on until you get a response. That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner and he was in den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away...let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone, he says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So, the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Peg, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next, he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, there is no response. So, he walked up right behind her, "Pet, what's for dinner?" (I just love this!!!) "Dammit, Bert, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"