

# 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 8, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK: (By Zoom):** Superintendent of Public Schools, ROTARIAN Jeff Elstad, will update us on plans for the building of the new high school plus an update of today's issues with the schools including summer school and fall opening.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dave Allard, June 8, Kirby Knutson, June 11, Jerry Kopel, June 12, Brad Meier, June 1

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A note from RI President Mark Maloney: "As COVID 19 reached around the globe, we found ourselves in a world transformed. We have been forced to connect in ways we could have never imagined, testing our ability to adapt. We have made tough decisions including canceling club meetings, district and presidential conferences, and much to our regret, the 2020 RI Convention in Hawaii. Together, everyone is placing the public good and welfare first, despite the loss of meetings, events and experiences that have been planned for years. Regardless, together we will continue to grow ROTARY so that we may increase our gift of ROTARY to our local and global communities."

The Chamber of Commerce has canceled this year's "Downtown Thursdays" which were scheduled for July and August. The Litomysl "Summer Festival" scheduled for the last Sunday in July has been canceled. The July 4 fireworks display is still being planned, however use of the fairgrounds grandstand may not be permitted.

Here's a test for us "old kids". Answers are printed below...but don't cheat!

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rides off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know but he left this behind." (What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Get Your Kicks \_\_\_\_\_
3. The story you're about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the Jungle, the Mighty Jungle \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was "Satchmo?"
6. What "takes a licking and keeps on ticking?" \_\_\_\_\_

Did You Know? "Hoagy" Carmichael holds the record for the song with the longest song title. The song was released around 1943: "I's a Cranky Old Yank in a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokahama with my Honolulu Mamma Doin' These Beato, Beat-o, Flat On My Seat O Hirohito Blues" (Maybe our pianist Kim can come up with the melody to that song!)

America's food banks are seeing overwhelming demand, with lines of a mile or more, as unemployed Americans scramble for something to eat. Meanwhile, two-thirds of food banks are seeing diminished donations as supermarkets have little or no surplus inventory to contribute.

So anyway: An elderly man and woman (99 and 84) got married. A few months before their wedding the couple stopped at a local pharmacy and told the pharmacist about their plans to get married. They asked, "Do you sell heart medication?" The pharmacist said they do. "Do you have medicine for circulation, rheumatism, arthritis and memory problems?" The pharmacist assured them they do. Do you sell wheelchairs, walkers and canes?" "Absolutely, whatever you need." The couple smiled and said, "We'd like to register here for our wedding."

Quiz answers: 1. Silver Bullet, 2. On Route 66, 3. Protect the Innocent, 4. The Lion Sleeps Tonight, 5. Louie Armstrong 6. The Timex watch

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!