

# 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

March 2: Al Smith, “Women of War”

March 9: Joe Stiles, Furnishing Hope

March 16: Meeting canceled

March 23: Meeting canceled

March 30: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

April 6: Kyle Skov, City Public Works Director

April 13: Dr. Richard Huston, PolioPlus trip to Pakistan

April 20: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

April 27: Lisa Kern, Director of KODA (on Zoom)

May 4: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Health System...(possibly on Zoom)

May 11: TBA

May 18: Andi Arnold, Safe and Drug Free Coalition

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

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Monday, May 4, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Dr. Brian Bunkers, Mayo Clinic Health System (Possibly on Zoom)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Amanda Heilman, May 5

**STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR MAY:** Sam Fredin, Karington Stanford, Josie Sullivan and Wyatt Clausen

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT:** Reyk, Germany

## NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

FROM RI PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY: "The ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS held its first-ever virtual meeting to make the most difficult decision of all, to cancel the 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu. Like the more than 20,000 registrants who planned to attend, I am disappointed. We acted to protect the health and safety of convention attendees and their families, friends and colleagues as well as those who call Honolulu home. I am confident we made the right decision. The world is changing rapidly, and so must ROTARY. Our adaptability and strength will help us navigate this experience. The world needs our leadership today more than ever. Truly, *Rotary Connects the World.*"

Did you know? Effective April 1, 1970, all tobacco products were banned from being advertised on radio/TV. Remember some of the cigarette slogans? "LSMFT...Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco", "Willie the Penguin says, 'Smoke Kools'", "Call for Phillip Morris" (done by Johnny Phillip Morris), and others.

\*I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

\*Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood! Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!

\*I swear my fridge just said, "what the hell do you want now?"

## CANCELLATIONS

\*Ellendale Days celebration canceled.

\*Farmer's Market in Central Park will not begin until June.

\*OHS Prom and Graduation ceremonies will not be held

\*All OHS Spring Sports canceled

\*ROTARY Shredding Project canceled

\*Medford Straight River Days canceled

\*Steele BBQ and Blues Festival canceled

\*Faribault Heritage Days canceled

\*Dam Days in Morristown canceled

\*Bullhead Days in Waterville canceled

\*Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds banquet postponed till fall

\*Corky's Early Bird Softball Tournament postponed until Sept. 10

\*Downtown Thursdays will not start until July

\*Historical Society Recognition Banquet postponed

Watch your e-mail for advisory on the May 4 meeting location....either on Zoom or at the Country Club.

I went outside to check on my plants. I felt something cold and wet on my arm. It was a mosquito using a wet wipe before he bit me!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!