

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

November. 9: Rotary Foundation: Roger Warehime

November. 16: Mark Blando: Director of Public Library

November. 23: Kellen Hinrichsen, new Exec. Dir of History Center

November 30: Lonna Lysne: COVID complications traveling to India, Bhutan & Nepal

December 7: Scott Lambert, Minn. Auto Dealers Assn.

December 14: Mac Hamilton: North Cedar project

December 21: Brad Meier, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce

December 28: Ed Marek, District Gov. (by Zoom)

January 4: Holly Jorgenson: Let's Smile Executive Director

January 11: David Ulrich: 21st Century Mining

January 18: Open

January 25: Open

Feb. 1: Open

Feb. 8: Open

Feb. 15: Open

Feb. 22: Open

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Monday, November 16, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Mark Blando, Director of the Owatonna Public Library. The meeting will be shown on ZOOM. Diane will be sending out the link to join the meeting

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Alexis Ringhofer,, Hailee Olson, Libby Janka, Mason Kunkel, Maggie Newhouse, Lanie Schuster.

ROTARIAN NOTES

Here is the ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT:

As a ROTARIAN, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in ROTARY meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2021 ROTARY CONVENTION IN TAIPEI

OWATONNA FOUNDATION GRANTS

Several ROTARIANS are on the Board of Trustees of the Owatonna Foundation. At the recent mid-year meeting of the Trustees, the following grants were approved:

*Let's Smile "Molar Roller" Van: \$20,800 toward the purchase of the van. This amount reflects 65% of their \$32,000 requested. The amount was determined because Owatonna represents 65% of their service area.

*We All Play: \$33,208 for playground equipment at the inclusive playground. These funds will go toward closing the gap so that the project can move forward The Owatonna Foundation is the biggest contributor toward the project.

*Owatonna Arts Center: \$5,000 towards floor repair.

*Steele County Free Clinic: \$15,348 for pediatric dental equipment

CANCELED

The downtown lighted parade, which was to be held the day after Thanksgiving has been canceled for this year due to COVID-19. Also, the Community Thanksgiving dinner will not be held this year.

TRAVELING BY TRAIN?

Amtrak has new COVID-19 safety protocols for the holidays. Thanksgiving travelers who plan to ride the train between Nov. 23 and Nov. 30 need to reserve a seat. Amtrak is selling a limited number of tickets to allow for social distancing onboard. so book early to get a seat on the train you want.

So anyway: Sven and Ole, two Minnesota engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walks by and asks what they are doing. "Ve're supposed to find da height of dis flagpole," says Sven, "but ve don't haff a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket book, took a measurement, and announced, "Twenty-one feet, six inches," and walked away. Ole shook his head and laughed,"Ain't dat yust like a voman! You ask fer da height and she gives us da length!" Sven and Ole have since quit their engineering jobs and are currently serving in the U.S. Senate!