

# 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: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mining

January 18: Dr. Brian Bunkers, Owatonna Mayo Health System

January 25: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools

Feb. 1: Open

Feb. 8: Open

Feb. 15: Open

Feb. 22: Open

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Monday, November 23, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THE ROTARY BOARD VOTED TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE VIA ZOOM AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE LINK WEEKLY TO JOIN THE MEETING.**

**THIS WEEK:** Meet Kellen Hinrichsen, new Executive Director of the Steele County History Center

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

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

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

Can cows forecast weather? Many weather adages involve cows because they were common animals on farms.

\*If a cow stands with its tail to the west, the weather is said to be fair.

\*If a cow grazes with its tail to the east, the weather is likely to turn sour.

\*If the bull leads the cows to pasture, expect rain; if the cows precede the bull, the weather will be uncertain.

There is some truth here. Animals graze with their tail toward the wind so that if a predator sneaks up behind them, the wind will help catch the scent of the predator and prevent an attack.

A reminder that the Owatonna winter parking restrictions are now in effect and run through March 31. Here's a quick summary: On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses with even numbers; and on odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to houses with odd numbers. To make it simple, one should determine whether the day starting at 12:01 a.m. is an even or odd numbered day.

The Owatonna Police Department wants ROTARIANS to be aware of Porch Bandits that are already on the move this season. Porch Bandits spot packages on a porch or stoop and help themselves to it. With the holiday season deliveries and on-line shopping beginning protect your home-delivery purchases from thieves patrolling the neighborhood. The police department has already received a report of the first reported theft last week in the northeast part of Owatonna.

Here are a few hints for ROTARIANS. If possible, have your packages delivered to your workplace. Require a signature for delivery. If you're not going to be home, have your packages delivered to a neighbor or friend you know will be home. If you'll be away, have delivery held by the carrier. Security cameras obviously within sight help deter thieves.

So anyway: A man in Jacksonville calls his son in Diego two days before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are splitting up. Forty-five years of misery is enough!" The son screams, "POP, WHAT ARE YOU TELLING ME?" "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer. We're sick of each other. Call your sister in Denver and tell her." Frantic, the son calls his sister who explodes on the phone. "LIKE HECK THEY'RE GETTING DIVORCED!" she shouts. "I'll take care of this." She calls Jacksonville immediately and screams to her father. "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I am calling my brother back and we will both be there tomorrow" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone, turns to his wife, "OK," he says. "It's all set. They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way!"

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!