

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: Dr. Brian Bunkers: Mayo Clinic update

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 30, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Meet Kellen Hinrichsen, new Executive Director of the Steele County History Center. The meeting will be carried on ZOOM. No in-person meetings until further notice.

BIRTHDAYS: None

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

NOTES FOR ROTARIAN

From RI President Holger Knaack: "We can apply the Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make? I made a heartbreaking choice between ROTARY and my religion when a ROTARY convention was held during Ramadan. I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter? Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse ROTARY."

Turtle Creek Nursery announces it will again be supporting the Owatonna Foundation this holiday season. For each Christmas tree sold, three dollars of the sale will be donated to the Foundation.

The first American Christmas tree can be credited to a Hessian soldier by the name of Henrick Roddmore, who was captured at the Battle of Bennington in 1766. He then went to work on the farm of Samuel Denslow in Windsor Locks, Conn., where for the next 14 years he put up and decorated Christmas trees in the Denslow family home.

The first president to set up a Christmas tree in the White House was Franklin Pierce, and the first president to establish the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was Calvin Coolidge.

In 1882, the first tree lights were sold in New York City.

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust". That's when the fight started.

The Steele County Historical Society announces that the lists are available for the Owatonna Holiday Lights Cruise for \$10.00 at the Historical Society, Kottke Jewelers, Tri-M Graphics, Prairie Home, Blooming Prairie and Lerberg's Foods and Steve's Meat Market in Ellendale. Homes will be lit at 5:00 p.m. through the holiday season.

Advice for healthy ROTARIANS: Whether finned, feathered or furry, pets are good for your health. People who own pets have healthier hearts and make fewer visits to the doctor. "Animals provide us with much of the same kind of social support that people do," says Alan Beck, director of Purdue University's Center for the Human-Animal bond. And, they're always there when you need them.

Kind of reminds me of the old saying, "Lock your spouse in the trunk of the car on a hot summer day. When you open the trunk, which one is happy to see you?"

So, you heard about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: Transcendental meditation.

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!