

# 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

August 24: Lois Nelson, Mayor of Medford

August 31: Jeff Elstad, Supt. of Public Schools: Update

September 7: No Meeting...Labor Day

September 14: United Way kickoff

September 21: Jim Jacobson, Accelerated Aviation

September 28: Tim Penney, former Congressman: "The Political Climate Today"

October 5: Meet the Congressional candidates

October 12: Meet the City Candidates

October 19: Meet the Legislative Candidates

October 26: Meet the County Candidates

November 2: Meet the School Board Candidates

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

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Monday, October 19, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Meet the Legislative candidates. If not attending meeting in person, you can watch it on your computer at [OwatonnaLive.com](http://OwatonnaLive.com) or the Chamber facebook page.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Pam DeMorett, Oct. 19, Dave Klawiter, Oct. 24

## **NOTES FOR ROTARIANS**

A Trailblazing Woman: Sylvia Whitlock made history in 1987 when she became the first woman to serve as president of a ROTARY Club. But Whitlock, who's currently a member of the ROTARY Club of Claremont, California, didn't join ROTARY to garner headlines. Like any other ROTARIAN, she joined to find opportunities for service. A former school administrator with a PHD in education, she's a longtime supporter of the PACE Learning Center in India. In February, on her fifth visit to the school, the members of its Interact club surprised Whitlock with a scholarship established in the name of her daughter Meredith, who died last year after a long battle with sickle cell anemia. The school's founder, Deepa Willingham, said, "It was our honor to celebrate this grand lady and her very brave daughter in this way."

A Utah neurologist obsessed with growing massive pumpkins has taken top honors at the state's annual Giant Pumpkin Grower's weigh off, with a record setting gourd of 1,825 pounds.

An Illinois man has harbored former President Richard Nixon's half-eaten sandwich in his freezer for 60 years! Steve Jenne says he was 14 years old on September 22, 1960, when Nixon visited his hometown of Sullivan and took a few bites of a sandwich of barbecued buffalo meat. Jenne, who was at the event as a Boy Scout honor guard, grabbed the sandwich and had his mother put it in the freezer. When he grew up and moved out, he took the sandwich with him. "As long as I am living," he said, "that sandwich will be stored in my freezer in a container with the label that says, 'don't throw away'".

Are you one who erects fabulous Christmas decorations in your yard? The Steele County Historical Society announces the Holiday Lights Cruise for Thursday, Nov. 26, at 5 p.m. The SCHS is seeking area homeowners to sign up now to get their home added to the list of homes on the cruise. Deadline for sign-up is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Maps will be available for \$10.00 after Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at SCHS, Tri M. Graphics, Kottke Jewelers, Steve's Meats and Lerberg's in Ellendale and Prairie Home in Blooming Prairie.

So anyway: Phil visits his doctor after weeks of not feeling well. "I have bad news," says the doc. "You don't have long to live." "How long have I got?" asked the distraught Phil. "Ten," says the doc. sadly. "Ten? Ten what? months? days? The doctor interrupts, "nine....."

And finally, a woman and her ever nagging husband went on vacation to Jerusalem. While there, the husband died. The undertaker told the wife, "You can have him shipped home for \$5,000 or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.00." The wife thought about it and told him she would just have him shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your husband home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would only spend \$150?" The wife replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK! STAY SAFE AND WEAR A MASK.