

# 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 State Legislature candidates

October 19: Meet the City 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: Camp Enterprise Students ?

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

## **ROTARY O'PINION**

Monday, September 14, 2020

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Anette Duncan, President of the Steele County United Way speaking of the campaign kickoff. MEETING AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AND ON ZOOM.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lon Thiele, Sept. 9, Steve Arnold, Sept. 12, Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Mike Gandrud, Sept. 18, Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18.

**SEPTEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Cheryl Smith and Jenna Gleason.

### **ROTARY NEWS AND NOTES**

A note from RI President Holger Knaack: "ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE, one of the many programs for youth and young adults that we celebrate this month, was my path into true engagement in ROTARY. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my ROTARY Club to being a true ROTARIAN. Now, ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years we have hosted 43 students!"

ROTARIANS are creating community-driven, sustainable projects to improve access to quality education around the world. Your gift to the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND supports these projects to inspire learning at all ages. Give today: [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate).

Watch the weather! If on September 19<sup>th</sup> there is a storm from the south, a mild winter may be expected.

### **ARE YOU A 'LEFTY?'**

Right on, left-handers! Years ago some teachers insisted that all students, including left-handers, learn to write with their right hand. Teachers thought that students would have an easier time if they were not "different" from right-handed writers. Some thought that using the left hand was just a bad habit. Some even slapped or punished left-handed kids who had trouble. Now we know that everyone should use whichever hand is most comfortable. Today, 10 to 12 percent of the world's population is left-handed. It's not surprising that "lefties" sometimes feel "left out".

A left-handed baseball pitcher is called a "southpaw". (There is no such thing as a "northpaw".)

### **Left-handed burgers? Baloney!**

A full-page ad in USA Today in 1998 claimed that Burger King had developed the "left-handed whopper." The burger had the same fixings, but they were turned 180 degrees so that they wouldn't drip out on left-handed customers. It was a joke! The ad ran on April Fools' Day.

So anyway: For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married, or wish you weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine.

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What in bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The old woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good Trade....."