

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Lynn Betzold, Program Coordinator of "Honoring Choice" End of Life Living.

BIRTHDAYS: Loren Olson, April 6, Todd Hale, April 8, Julie Anderson and Harold McGregor, April 9, Bruce Paulson, April 13, Cory Mensink, April 14.

STUDENT ROTARIANS FOR APRIL: Welcome to Payton Adams, Windham Anez, Ellie Boisen and Anna Weisenburger.

IN BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Leticia, Brazil, Jeffrey, South Africa

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Thanks to ROTARIAN Lois Nelson and the committee who arranged for the special 95th birthday celebration a week ago. It was a first class night!

Mark your calendars! Our club will be sponsoring the annual Shredding Project on Saturday, May 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the north side of the Retrofit Building. Check out those old records and other papers that you don't need any more and shred them. Donations will be accepted designated for the OHS STRIVE Mentoring program.

A MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM

"Thirty years ago there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year world-wide. As of this month, only 37 cases of polio had been recorded in 2016, the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable and inexpensive vaccine.

This month, from April 24-30, ROTARY joins WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health. In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, ROTARY is truly SERVING HUMANITY, now and for generations.

Here's a question for ROTARIANS to ponder: Is it possible for a modern passenger jet to fly 8,000 miles in a straight line before refueling? (Answer below)

We're all getting older. How do we know? Here are a few hints: Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work! You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere. You join the health club and don't go. You need your glasses to find your glasses. Your back goes out more than you do. Your knees buckle, but your belt won't. You look forward to a dull evening! You stop looking forward to your next birthday, but you're glad when it arrives. All of the cops in town look like and are young kids. You miss radio station KNXR. No matter what is going on, you'll change your schedule if an event involves your grandchildren. You used to worry about the size of your car....now it's your stomach and your prostate!

So anyway: One lazy Sunday morning, as the wife and I were sitting at the breakfast table, I said, "When I die, I want you to sell all my stuff immediately." She asked, "Now, why would you want me to do something like that?" "I figure you'd eventually remarry, and I don't want some other jerk using my stuff." She looked at me intently and said, "What makes you think I'd marry another jerk?"

Answer to the question for ROTARIANS: If a plane flew in a straight line, it would end up in space with no place to refuel. Passenger planes follow the curvature of the earth.