

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Ellen Haydon, Director of Habitat for Humanity

BIRTHDAYS: Kris Busse, Aug. 21, Chris Herzog, Aug. 27

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Jeff, South Africa

ROTARY NOTES

The Early Edition ROTARY Club invites you to their annual Corn Feed on Tuesday, August 29 at the Owatonna Eagles Club from 11 a.m.-2 p. m. Tickets will be available at the door...\$9.00. Kids 6 and under eat free. Proceeds benefit the Patriot Skies 4th of July fireworks, Kindergarten Book Donation and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library projects.

Nominations are being taken for this year's Paul Harris/Vern White Award, which recognizes a non-ROTARIAN whose life and actions exemplify the spirit of the motto, "Service Above Self" and exhibits the characteristics that represent the values of the 4-Way Test. Submission forms are available from ROTARIAN Roger Wareheim. Deadline for submissions is September 15.

The fair is over for this year. What will happen now in planning for next year? The fair board will gather tonight for dinner and briefly discuss how the fair went and items that need attending to for next year's fair. Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the fairgrounds in the present location. The theme for next year's fair is "It's a Century Scene in 2018". Dates of next year's fair will be August 14-19.

Did you know? Fruits may be better for you than veggies. People always say to eat your vegetables, but if you look at all the scientific data on long-term health and preventing chronic diseases, fruits have a slightly stronger protective effect than veggies.

ROTARIANS are invited to a good old-fashioned hoedown this Saturday at the History Center. Pulled pork sandwiches served from 5:30 to 7:00. Tickets are \$15.00...children six and under free.

A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY" 1980 marked the year ROTARY INTERNATIONAL voted to extend membership to women. Owatonna inducted its first women members in 1987 including Betsy Lindgren and Sabra Otteson. Sabra was the first third generation family to become a ROTARIAN at the Owatonna Club. Her grandfather, E.K. Whiting was a charter member of the club.

So anyway: Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Miami, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in and addresses the owner behind the counter. "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?" Pharmacist: "Of course we do". Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds". Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely". Jacob: How about suppositories?" "You bet!" Jacob: Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety...the works." Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" "Pharmacist: "Absolutely". Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes". Jacob: "Adult diapers?" Pharmacist: "Sure" Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!