

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to John Hausladen, President, Minnesota Trucking Association

BIRTHDAYS: Chuck Driessen, Brock Veldman, Sept. 6

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Oscar Christiansen, Norway and Nicolas Valenzuela Villalobos, Chile.

ROTARY NOTES

September invocations: Keith Hiller

September greeters: Matt Ketelson, Brock Veldman and Julie Anderson

The Early Edition ROTARY Club is sponsoring their corn feed tomorrow at the Eagles Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 and kids 6 and under are free. You'll enjoy sweet corn, chicken breast sandwich, potato salad and cookie. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Patriot Skies July 4 fireworks, kindergarten book donation and Dolly Parton Imagination Library projects

District 5960 ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE announces an exchange to Nagpur, India from January 9-20, 2016. Participants are responsible for their own air travel expenses and personal spending money along with tourist sites, concerts, museums etc., gifts for overnight hosts, meals at ROTARY meetings, travel insurance and passport.

Air travel expense looks to be around \$1750.00 round trip per person. ROTARIANS should expect to have 10 days for visiting and 2 days for travel. Find additional information on the rotary5960 website.

I liked the cover of the September ROTARIAN magazine. It was a note to Polio which read: "Dear Polio. We have bad news for you. Very, very, very bad news. Today we stand extremely close to eliminating you. We still have more work to do, but we'll get there. Someday, we'll live in a world where you no longer exist. So prepare to exit stage left. Adios, Ciao, Au revoir, Sayonara, Toodles, Goodbye" Sincerely, ROTARY.

To date, ROTARY has contributed more than \$1.4 billion and many volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently we are working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication which the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match two to one.

The RI Trustees have approved four priorities to stay in place in the strategic plan for the next four years. 1. End polio now and forever; 2. Strengthen ROTARIANS knowledge, engagement, and financial support of the ROTARY FOUNDATION. 3. Increase the quality and impact of ROTARY'S humanitarian service effort through Foundation grants and the six areas of focus. 4. Enhance the image and awareness of the Foundation's record of achievements, particularly the success of Polio-Plus and its 100-year record of doing good in the world.

THINGS GOING ON

*Cashwise Liquor will be holding a beer and wine tasting fundraiser for the Hospice House on Thursday, September 10 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

On September 19, the Steele County History Center will host "Harvest for History". This farm-to-fork culinary experience features locally sourced food, wine and beer with award winning Chef, Tim Cockram. Contact the History Center for tickets.

Remember? CONTINENTAL KITS: They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

Terms we don't use anymore: Parking Brake, foot feed, dimmer switch, running board, store-bought.