

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: A musical program to put you in the Christmas mood. Some of your favorite Christmas tunes will be played by our pianist ROTARIAN Kim Cosens. We will also enjoy holiday music by Greta Jacobson, a student at Owatonna High School. We will also hear a French carol from our in-bound French student Cindy Delemare.

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Regan, Dec. 21, Matt Ketelson, Dec. 22, Jenine Koziolk, Dec. 26, Kurt Welker, Dec. 27

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tlotlo Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare, France, Joao Bueno, Brazil

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Last day for Kayla Moothart, Hannah Olson, Aaron Tryhus, Brodie Thiede

CHRISTMAS IN POETRY

'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the ranch
The pond was froze over and so was the branch
The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule.
The kids were all home on vacation from school,
And happier young folks you never did see—
Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV
Then suddenly, around 8:o'clock,
There came a surprise that gave them a shock!
The power went off, the TV went dead
When grandpa came in from out in the shed
With an armload of wood, the house was all dark
"Just what I expected," they heard him remark.
"Them power line wires must be down from the snow.
Seems sorter like times on the ranch long ago."
"I'll hunt up some candles," said Mom. "With their light,
And the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right."
The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom
Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room,
Uncased his old fiddle and started to play
That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh.
Mom started to sing, and first thing they knew
Both Pop and the kids were all singing it too.
They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night,"
Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight.
They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth,
And Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth
They stayed up till midnight-and would you believe,
The Youngsters agreed 'twas a fine Christmas Eve.
Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn;
And when the kids wakened, the power was on.
"The power company sure got the line repaired quick
Said Grandpa...and no one suspected his trick.
Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun,
He had pulled the main switch...the old Son-of-a-Gun!

So anyway: As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"