



# ROTARY O'PINION

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**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Shelly Rockman, Executive Director, South Central College, Faribault Campus Foundation. We will also enjoy the OHS Christmas Carolers who will join us shortly after noon.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dr. Beth Gilthvedt, Aya Murakumi, Dec. 8

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Kayla Moothart, Hannah Olson, Aaron Tryhus, Brodie Thiede

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Aya Murakumi, Japan, Tloto Lestedi, South Africa, Cindy Delemare, France, Joiao Bueno, Brazil

## **ROTARY NOTES**

ROTARIAN Jen Dunn Foster has left her position with the county attorney's office. She is deciding what her next mission will be.

ROTARIAN Tim Holland was one of 5 Owatonna home brewers that swept the podium in beer making competition at the recent prestigious Grand Brewfest held at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. Holland won the top spot with his delicious Maple Stout beer. Other Owatonna brewers who placed in the home brew competition were Matt Kottke, Jon Hilstad, Travis Hilstad and Tim Pelton.

Boston is home to one of the oldest and largest water systems in the U.S. and experts agree that those pipes also deliver some of the best-tasting tap water. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission beat out more than two dozen other cities in a taste test at the conference of the American Water Works Association. First convened in 1881, the organization's annual conference and exposition is the longest-running water conference in the world. (I'll bet they haven't tasted Owatonna's water...I'll bet we'd rank at the high end!)

## **AROUND TOWN**

\*The VFW in Owatonna is the collection point for frozen hams to be used on Christmas Day at the Community Dinner. If you wish to donate a ham bring them to the VFW Club before December 22.

\*The next Veterans Roundtable will be held tomorrow night at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:00. The speaker will be Edwin "Bud" Nakasone from White Bear Lake, an American of Japanese ancestry who viewed first-hand the attack on Pearl Harbor. He later served in the U.S. Army rising to the rank of Colonel in the Intelligence Service.

## **OTHER NOTES**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said it: "When I played for Coach John Wooden at UCLA, he used to say, "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out." He wasn't just spouting the cliché of glass-half-full optimism. He didn't think he could win national championship by staring at posters of kittens dangling from clotheslines with the caption, "Hang in there, baby". Positive thinking was important, but not enough to achieve goals. He knew that real accomplishment was the result of observation, imagination, commitment, and discipline."

\*My wife said, "Watcha doin' today"? I said, "Nothing" She said, "You did that yesterday." I said, "I wasn't finished."

\*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

\*My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we have no idea where the hell he is!