



## ROTARY O'PINION

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**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to Doug Loon, President of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

**BIRTHDAYS:** John Muellerleile, Feb. 25

**FEBRUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Daniel Kaupa, Jacob Mundale, Evan Holt and Grace McClintock

**IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** Oscar (Norway), Nicolas (Chile) and Beth (Zimbabwe)

### **ROTARY AT A GLANCE**

ROTARY membership: 1,228,076

ROTARY Clubs: 35,221

Tomorrow marks the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ROTARY!

Did you know? The Owatonna ROTARY Club was founded in 1922.

The first Owatonna ROTARY International Project took place under the chairmanship of ROTARIAN Chad Lange. \$1500 of Owatonna money was multiplied several times to make this project a success in Madagascar. The Owatonna Club also assisted Waseca with their project and in turn, Waseca helped the Owatonna club with a project obtaining dental equipment in Nepal.

After 42 years as a ROTARIAN, Bill Regan has submitted his resignation. Bill and his Owatonna Bus Co. have been staunch supporters of our Club, providing a bus to transport our students from OHS to meetings. His daughter, Katy Kreutter, will continue representing the Owatonna Bus Company in our membership

### **AROUND THE AREA**

For the first time in 27 years, the Beaver Lake fishing contest in Ellendale was canceled due to questionable ice conditions. Cindi Bartness, President of the sponsoring Beaver Lake Sportsman's Club said, "It was just too risky due to the alternate thawing and freezing temperatures. Conditions of the ice's ability to hold that many people and vehicles were just too questionable. I slept a lot better at night confident we made the right decision."

So anyway:

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways. They were born in the same year. Faithfully they attended parochial school from kindergarten through seniors in high school. They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college and upon graduation, became priests. Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio was just a wee cut above Timothy in all respects. Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal, was swift to say the least and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the next Pope.

In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and the world waited to see whom they had chosen. The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular, was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope! Antonio Secola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was just a bit better qualified. With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Secola asked for a private session with the Cardinals in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?" After a long silence, the old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply, "We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called....(wait for it.....) Pope Se-Cola.