



## ROTARY O'PINION

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**THIS WEEK:** Fellow ROTARIAN Michelle Redman, Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tim Holland, Jan 10

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Tessa Rahrack, Ashley Ulman, Liana Mulet and Emily Wanous

**IN-BOUND STUDENTS:** Nicolas Valenzuela, Chile, Oscar Christianson, Norway

### ROTARY NOTES

The ROTARY Shredding event has been scheduled for May 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. behind the Retrofit building in the old Wal-Mart parking lot.

From RI President K.R. Ravindran: "Our experience of ROTARY is, for the most part, based in our own communities. We meet every week in our clubs, in the same places and with the same familiar friends. While almost all of us are involved in some way or other in international service, the ROTARY we see and share from day to day feels very local. It can be easy to lost sight of the larger picture of what our service truly means.

Every impact you have as a ROTARIAN, individually and through your club, is multiplied by the power of our numbers. When you feed one person who is hungry, when you educate one person who is illiterate, when you protect one child from disease, the impact may seem small. It is anything but. For it is only through the power of numbers, through the power of our individual actions and gifts, that we can have the impact we seek: to truly *Be a Gift to the World.*"

This Wednesday, January 13, is National Clean Off Your Desk Day. It's a good chance to clear the decks for another year's worth of paperwork!

A Bit of ROTARY History: In 1981 the club voted to move the meeting place from the Holiday Inn to the Open Hearth Restaurant. In 1986, the weekly drawing was started. In 1988 establishing a breakfast club was discussed.

1980 marked the year that RI voted to extend membership to females. Owatonna inducted its first female members in 1987. They were Betsy Lindgren and Sabra Otteson. Sabra was the first, and so far the only third generation family member to become a ROTARIAN at the Owatonna Club. Her grandfather, E.K. Whiting was a charter member of the club.

### AROUND TOWN

The Steele County Historical Society will sponsor a roundtable discussion of Little Theatre of Owatonna 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the History Center. A panel of six presenters who represent different aspects of the theatre onstage and backstage perspectives will be made up of Jeffrey Jackson (Director), Sharon Stark (History and Administration), Tim Van Gelder (Actor), Mary Gontarek (play selection, make up and costuming) and Mark Kuklok (set production) – moderated by Jerry Ganfield.

So anyway: Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered, "Indeed it would sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand." "I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six pack and headed for the checkout. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the first nun said. "Back at our nunnery, we call it 'Catholic Shampoo'".

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house".