

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: We will hear from Duke Pieper, author of a book, "I'm Alive Courage, Hope and a Miracle." He also started the "Pieper Hope and Courage Foundation."

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaelletz, Jan. 20

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Rebekah Bendorf, Amy Oldenburg, Tori Urch, Grace Valen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Leticia (Brazil)

NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

Keep in mind that this Sunday, January 22, is "National Compliment Day". You're supposed to compliment at least five people. Makes them feel good and science has proved that it makes you feel good too.

Do you remember your dreams? Why is it so difficult to remember the majority of dreams we experience? Science shows that when our brains are asleep, nothing we experience is encoded into memory. To remember fragments of a dream, one must awaken, at least somewhat, while it is occurring, and even then, the memory is likely to be fleeting. Those that recall more of their dreams may be slightly more wakeful in general, especially if they're making an effort to remember or keep a record of them. Recurring dreams are more likely to be remembered because of the increased number of opportunities to awaken during them, and frightening dreams are sometimes recalled only because they wake you up.

Rotarian Kim Schaufenbuel will be inducted as a new board member of the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner this Friday.

It's been said that "A man or woman who simply joins a ROTARY Club and attends its weekly luncheons is not a ROTARIAN....they are a ROTE. They simply learn but do not understand. Nowhere else does a man or woman mean more to business and their profession than in ROTARY. You cannot touch elbows with the leading business and professional men and women of many states without absorbing much that you can apply to your own vocation with splendid results."

Our intern was not very swift. One day, he turned to a secretary. "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copy machine paper," she said to him. With that, the intern took his last remaining piece of blank typing paper, put it in the copy machine and proceeded to make five blank copies!

The hunter in the lush jungles of Ceylon was so intent upon bagging a treacherous leopard that, in the excitement, his false teeth fell out. Ever since the poor man has been searching for his bridge on the River Kwai.

Finally: Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse a young lady found an elderly gentleman, already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need her help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let her wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, the student nurse asked if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!