



## ROTARY O'PINION

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**THIS WEEK:** We will hear from members of the Owatonna Women's hockey team who embarked on an adventure that none of them ever thought they would do, which was a Rim to Rim hike of the Grand Canyon. There were eight members of the team, led by Joyce Mattson, who had completed the hike before. We will hear from team members about their preparations and participation in the hike which elevated all of them to a new level of accomplishment and pride.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Gregg Draeger and Andy Michaeletz, Jan. 20

**JANUARY STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Tessa Rahrik, Ashley Ulman, Liana Mulet and Emily Wanous.

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Nicolas from Chile and Oscar from Norway. WELCOME TO 'BETH' FROM SOUTH AFRICA!

### ROTARY NOTES

You will notice that from now on, only the first names of our In-Bound students will be used in the bulletin. The U.S. State Department has ordered that last names of ROTARY In-Bound students not be used on material put on the internet. The O'Pinion is placed on our ROTARY website.

The Owatonna ROTARY club has had two Owatonnans who have served as a District Governors...that was Mendus Vevle & Dianne Nesvig. Mendus was Superintendent of the old State School from 1934 to 1949. He had a long career in Minnesota as a teacher and school administrator. He was an active civic leader while living in Owatonna. His son, Richard, married the former Karla Kaplan, daughter of Ave and Audrey Kaplan of Owatonna. Dianne Nesvig was employed with the King Company when it was located in Owatonna and served on a number of non-profit organizations. She served as District Governor for the 2006-2007 year. The Owatonna Club hosted the District Conference in Owatonna that year.

This Friday, January 22 is "National Compliment Day". You're supposed to compliment at least five people. Makes them feel good and science has proved it makes you feel good too.

There are several ways that one knows it's time to turn your computer off and read a book...here are a few:

- \*You wake up at 3 a.m. for a bathroom call and stop to check your e-mail on the way back to bed.
- \*You name your children Google, Facebook and Dotcom
- \*You spend half of the plane trip with your laptop on your lap and your child in the overhead bin.
- \*You start using smileys in your snail mail.
- \*You move into a new house and decide to netscape before you landscape.

### ROTARIAN Code of Conduct

As a ROTARIAN, I will: 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life. 2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect, 3. Use my professional skills through ROTARY to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world. 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on ROTARY or other ROTARIANS.

In Seoul, take a relaxing stroll along Cheonggyecheon, the magical stream which winds through downtown. Find a peaceful oasis in the city's secret gardens tucked away on the grounds of historic places. The RI convention in Korea, May 28-June 1 is for all ROTARIANS and offers something for everyone. Discover a global perspective in Seoul. Get inspired to do more and *Be a Gift to the World*. Register today at [reconvention.org](http://reconvention.org). Early registration savings end March 31.

So anyway: Last night I was sitting on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's voice from the kitchen: "What would you like for dinner, my love? Chicken, beef or lamb?" I said, "Thank you dear. I think I'll have chicken." She replied, "You're having soup...I was talking to the cat!"