

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Nick Beck, Outbound Student to Italy will be our speaker

BIRTHDAYS: Pat Greenwood, Jan. 3, Andrea Stanley, Jan 4, Earl Anderson, Erin Felten and Tom Sager, Jan. 8.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our January students including Tessa Rahrack, Ashley Ulman, Liana Mulet and Emily Wanous.

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

ROTARY NOTES

All three students who applied for Outbound have been selected to go. Chase Smith will head to Japan, Ian Rubish to Norway and Rebecca Sattler to Columbia. All three have siblings who also were outbound students.

The Christmas tree is down, the noisemakers put away. Are you feeling blue because the holidays are over? Well, chin up. January is crammed full of opportunities to celebrate. One of these opportunities is this Wednesday, January 6. It's "Organize Your Home Day". If you made this a New Year's resolution, begin this week and clear the clutter from hearth and home.

ROTARIAN Matt Ketelson has been named the chair of the Chamber of Commerce 2016 Executive Committee. ROTARIAN Josh Meillier is serving his second year at-large on the Executive Committee. ROTARIAN Pat McDermott is serving his first year at-large on the Executive Committee.

Do you fly a lot? There are some safety factors that you AREN'T told about:

Cabin lights are dimmed at night not only for the convenience of those sleeping, but so your eyes are adjusted to the dark if you need to find a way out. Tray tables at takeoff and landing are put up so passengers next to you can escape if needed. And, you should open your window shade, so if there's a crash, firefighters can see inside.

Some airlines don't allow two pilots flying together to eat food from the same source within an hour of each other. Either they have to eat at different restaurants, or one waits at least an hour to make sure the other doesn't get poisoned or sick.

Lost your luggage? Don't delay reporting it, even if the lines to do so are long. Most airlines require you to file a report within a very short time period. If you miss the deadline, your claim may be denied.

You're not imagining it: Seats are really getting tinier. In the Boeing 777s used for long-haul international flights, Boeing recently shrank the seats by one inch so they could fit an extra seat in each row.

You don't want to eat that pretzel you dropped on the tray table. Most airlines don't clean trays between flights. Before you touch anything, clean it with sanitizing wipes.

If your flight is canceled, get in line at the ticket desk or the gate counter, but also get on the phone. You'll probably reach an airline phone agent before you get to the frazzled agent behind the desk.

Remember the Burma Shave signs along the side of the road? Here are a few more compliments of ROTARIAN Charlie Herrman:

Every shaver now can snore, six more minutes than before by using Burma Shave
Political pull may be of use. For razor pull, there's no excuse: Burma Shave
Fisherman! For a lucky strike, show the pike a face they'll like: Burma Shave