

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, July 13, 2015

Editor: Todd Hale

THIS WEEK: Welcome to Paul Mooty, partner and CFO of Faribo Woolen Mills.

BIRTHDAYS: Greg Krueger and Connie Ruth, July 16, Sharon West, July 17

ROTARY NOTES

The ROTARY Club of Lakeland Fla, has lost several members to sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly stops beating. Without CPR and a shock from an automated external defibrillator (AED) within minutes, patients often die. Through donations and proceeds from its annual triathlon and Jazz Festival, the club raised over \$130,000 to provide 131 AEDs for local first-responder police vehicles and CPR training in area schools. The club has been involved in heart health initiatives since 1984.

Water isn't scarce in Lebanon, but years of poor management have left many of the country's schools without access to clean drinking water. ROTARIANS in all of Lebanon's ROTARY Clubs are leading an effort to bring water to the 1300 public schools across the nation, with different clubs taking up 12 separate global grant projects, totaling about \$311,000 in approved funding so far. So far, the project has equipped 230 schools with water tanks, filters and drinking fountains.

\$128 million is the amount ROTARY contributed toward polio eradication in the calendar year 2014.

The 2016 ROTARY International convention will be in Seoul Korea. Check it out at www.riconvention.org.

AROUND TOWN

Little Theatre of Owatonna is excited to share with the community the 50th season of incredible live theater in Owatonna. The theater has added a fifth show as well as an Encore Gala Celebration to commemorate the five decades of entertainment. Shows for next season include The Foreigner (Oct.), The Christmas Carol (Dec.), Harvey (Feb.), Alice's adventure in Wonderland (April) and Grease (July).

The Encore Gala is set for Saturday, October 10 at the Eagles Club. It will be an evening filled with reminiscing and recognition for all that have helped to make this theatre what it is today.

It may be true that this year's "Art in the Park" is taking a hiatus, but that doesn't mean the arts will be absent from Crazy Daze in Owatonna. The Owatonna Arts Center will present "Colorwheels: Mobile Art Experience" in the grassy area next to the old theater on Cedar St. on Saturday, July 25 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Artists that are interested in being a part of the show should contact the Arts Center by July 17. There is no entry fee and jurying of art.

This coming Saturday, July 18, a fund raiser for Gus' Station at the Village of Yesteryear will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featured on that day will be a car/truck show, and pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Advance tickets at the History Center office.

So anyway: One day Ole and Sven were paging through the sears Catalog and admiring all the beautiful models. Ole said, "Haf you seen da perdy girls in dis catalog?" Sven replied, "Ya. Dey sure are bootiful an yust look at da prices!" Ole looked wide eyed and said, "Yumpin yimminy. Dey ain't very expensive. At dees prices I'm buyin' me vun...maybe two". Sven smiled, patted Ole on the back and said, "By gollie Ole, if she's as perdy as she looks in da catalog I vill get vun too."

Three weeks later Sven came by and asked Ole, "Did ya ever git dat girl you ordered from da Sears catalog?" Ole replied, "No, but it von't be long now, her clothes came yesterday!"

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK.