

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Amy Rogganbuck, Community Services Director for Steele County.

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Plemel, June 25

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT: Jeff, South Africa

ROTARY NOTES

From RI President John Germ: "Looking back, through the prism of many years, I see in my father's hard work not only an expression of his love for us, but the universal desire of each generation to care for and lift up the next. And looking back at this year of service in ROTARY I see that desire reflected in each of us who have chosen to be part of this great organization. It is natural for parents to want to make things better for their children. Through ROTARY, we can do so much more. We can make things better, not only for our own children but for all children. We have the opportunity to care for and lift up those who need us the most...whether they are in our own community or on the other side of the world."

For over 100 years, ROTARY members have been changing lives and improving communities all over the world. Celebrate the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S centennial year by making a contribution today and together, we can do good for 100 more. Donations can be given to ROTARIAN Roger Wareheim.

Congratulations to Kim Cosens and the entire Wenger Marching Band Festival Board for putting on a great show this past Saturday!

The Elks Club in Owatonna invites ROTARIANS to the annual Flag Day Ceremony this Wednesday. Dinner will be at 5:00 with a program at 6:00. Tickets are \$6.00...veterans eat free. Call for reservations..451-1395.

The Early Edition ROTARY Club is collecting funds for next year's July 4 fireworks display. If you can help, send checks to the Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 320 Hoffman Drive in Owatonna. This year, the Early Edition Club will put on close to a \$20,000 display.

ROTARY is involved in a number of community projects. Perhaps one of the most remembered is the Christmas program which was held each year for the children of the State School. It included reindeer and Santa Claus who all came to Owatonna via the Rock Island Line.

Maybe cats love humans after all. Researchers at Oregon State University offered 38 cats a choice between food, a toy, an interesting smell and attention from a human. Thirty-seven percent preferred food to anything else. Eleven percent liked toys, and one cat was preoccupied with the smells. But, 19 of them, HALF, preferred the company of humans above all, choosing them over other entertainment possibilities.

So anyway: During a long stay of looking around a car show, a couple of my friends and I stopped in at "Hooters" for some Hot Wings and a few beers. After being there for awhile, and observing the busy girls rushing around one of my friends asked me which waitress I would like to be stuck in an elevator with. I told him, "The one who knows how to fix elevators". I'm old, tired and pee a lot!

HAVE A GREAT ROTARY WEEK!