



## **ROTARY O'PINION**

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**THIS WEEK:** We will soon be saying farewell to Leticia, our visiting exchange student from Brazil. Today, Leticia will give her farewell address to the club.

**BIRTHDAYS:** David Allard, June 8

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Leticia, Brazil, Jeff, South Africa

### **ROTARY NOTES**

A message from John Germ, RI President: "As Judy and I have traveled the world for ROTARY over the last two years, we've been reminded again and again, of what motivates us in ROTARY: The simple desire to be of assistance, to give a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it means building a blood bank in Uganda, delivering an X-ray machine to a village in Guatemala, or taking care of refugees in Lebanon, ROTARIANS are doing what is needed most for the people who are most in need. They're working hard for the communities they care about, helping the people of those communities lead better lives. To me, that is the essence of ROTARY: that desire to be of assistance, that willingness to work for the good of others. In ROTARY, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away. You don't turn your back. You say, I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone....I'm doing it with *ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY.*"

Little Theatre of Owatonna reminds ROTARIANS that tickets for the upcoming musical "Funny Girl" will go on sale this Saturday, June 10. The show opens on June 16. Reserve tickets at [LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org](http://LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org). The LTO box office will open June 12 at 4:00 p.m. Performance dates are June 15, 17, 22, 23, 24 with matinees on June 18 and 25.

ROTARIANS are reminded that this year's "Breakfast on the Farm", sponsored by the Steele County ADA, will be this Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 to noon at the Peter Kasper Dairy Farm. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served at \$5.00 per person. Five and under are free. There will be free bus transportation to the farm from the Steele County fairgrounds beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Handicapped parking only at the farm.

August 21, the day after the 2017 Steele County Free Fair ends, a total solar eclipse will sweep across the U.S. Birds will stop singing, temperatures will drop, and stars will become visible in the daytime sky. This is the first time since 1918 that this event will sweep across the continental United States. Astronomers are calling it the Great American Eclipse. For the amateur sky-watcher, a total eclipse presents a rare opportunity to witness a cosmic hiccup in our day-night cycle.

What actually happens? During a total solar eclipse, the moon completely obscures the face of the sun, causing the daytime sky to darken by a factor of 1 million. A total solar eclipse occurs somewhere on Earth about once every 18 months. This event known as the "Path of Totality" will cut a 60 mile wide arc across the United States, beginning in Oregon at 10:15 a.m. and ending in South Carolina about an hour and a half later.

So anyway: Morris Schwartz is on his deathbed, knows the end is near, with his nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons by his side. "So", he says to them. "Bernie, I want you to take the Beverly Hills houses, Sybil, take the apartments over in Los Angeles Plaza, Hymie, you take the offices over in City Center, Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings downtown." The nurse is blown away by all this and as Morris slips away, she says, "Mrs. Schwartz, you husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." Sarah replies, "Yes, he had several paper routes!"