

ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, March 6, 2017

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Nancy Ness, Director of the Steele County Food Shelf.

BIRTHDAYS: Laura Elvebeck, March 6, Pat McDermott, March

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Jordan Haas, Nick Hellerud, James Rand and Margaret Schlicker

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

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIANS are reminded of two events on Saturday, March 18, to benefit the Homestead Hospice House Patient Care Fund. In the afternoon, a "Suits and Sneakers" basketball fundraiser at the OHS gym will be held. Come out and cheer for community celebrities who will be playing their hearts out for the Homestead Hospice House. Participants include law enforcement, Owatonna School District employees, city government local retailers and industry and businesses, Emergency Responders and more. Tickets are available at Kottke's or at the door. \$10.00 for adults, 18 and under \$6.00, 6 and under free.

That evening a Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner will be served at the Elks Club. Hours will be 5:00-7:30. Tickets are \$15.00 per person advance and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are available at Kottke's, the Elks or see ROTARIAN Earl Anderson.

The Steele County Free Fair annual building fund raising supper will be held at Hy-Vee on Friday, March 17, at the Hy-Vee casual dining area. Hours will be 4:00-7:00. Menu will be baked Cod, Pasta choice, Bay Scallops, Breaded Swai, Hushpuppies, mashed spuds, veggies and cole slaw. Tickets available at the door...\$9.99 for adults and kids 10 and under \$5.99. There will also be A & W Root Beer Floats.

Calendar marker: May 20 is the ROTARY RE-CYCLING DAY, to be held on the north side of the Retro-Fit building (old Wal Mart). Start collecting your papers that you want to get rid of. Hours will be 9:00-1:00.

AN IMPORTANT DATE: Friday, March 31, an evening event celebrating our club's 95 birthday. It will be held at Jefts Hall on the Pillsbury campus. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. There will be no noon meeting on April 3.

VALUABLE WOMEN OF ROTARY President John F. Germ: "Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, ROTARY is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country in the world, serving our communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength."

So anyway: Car-Pooling to work, a man got increasingly stressed with each trip. After a week of panic attacks, he went to the doctor. "I'm fine on the bridges, in the traffic, and even in the dark after a long day," the man explained. "But when I go through the tunnels with those four other guys, I feel like I'm gonna explode. Am I crazy?" "Not at all," the doc said. "You just have carpool tunnel syndrome."

Two men were talking. One says, "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the other man said, "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat!"