

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: We will hear from those students who attended Camp RYLA. Welcome to Victoria Dietz, Elana Dant and Talia Fladager

BIRTHDAYS: Mike Jensen, May 16

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Mark Kubista, Tommy Pfeifer, Herbert Rand and Elliot Rysavy

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

ROTARY NOTES

ROTARIAN Amy LaDue will be leaving us soon. Amy has assumed the position of Assistant Superintendent of Eastern Carver County Schools in the Twin Cities. Amy grew up attending the Owatonna Public Schools. After earning her degree in elementary education, she taught at St. Mary's in Owatonna for three years and then was hired by the Owatonna Public Schools in 2000 to teach 5th grade at Lincoln Elementary. In 2004, Amy assumed the Principal position at Wilson Elementary. In 2010 she became Principal at Willow Creek and in 2012 she assumed her current position in the district office. Amy attended and worked in every school in Owatonna except McKinley and her son Lukas is a student there. Her older children are third generation Owatonna grads. We wish Amy the best in her new position and challenges.

Former ROTARIAN Dr. Jim Bauck will be retiring at the end of June.

The Owatonna AAUW invites ROTARIANS to attend their meeting this Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Gainey Room at the public library. The program for the evening will be Judge Karen Duncan speaking on the family violence early intervention program as well as the recovery special court sessions in Steele County.

Are you a plant person? This Saturday there will be two plant sales you can visit. The Master Gardeners will be selling plants at the Farmer's Market in Central Park. The Steele County Historical Society will host a vintage and perennial plant sale this Saturday at the Historical Society Village of Yesteryear from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our club will host their annual shredding project next Saturday, May 20, in cooperation with the spring recycling day sponsored by Retrofit. Document shredding will take place on the north side of the Retrofit building (old Wal-Mart) from 9:00-1:00. If you can volunteer to help, let ROTARIAN Earl Anderson know.

Those to be inducted into the 2017 Owatonna High School Athletic Hall of Fame have been announced. They include: Jim Herzog, former principal and activity director at OHS, Ron Phillips, former OHS tennis coach, and former athletes Marshall Wright, Class of 1966, Tricia Hoffmann, Class of 1993, and Nicole McCann, Class of 2004. These inductees will be honored at a reception and program in the OHS Commons on Friday, September 8 beginning at 3:00 p.m. and will be recognized during half-time of the Owatonna-Mayo football game.

How to know you grew up in Minnesota:

1. You know how to polka, but never tried it sober.
2. You know it is traditional for the bride and groom to go bar hopping between the reception and wedding dance.
3. You know the difference between 'Green' and 'Red' farm equipment and would fight with your friends on the playground over which was better.
4. You buy Christmas presents at Fleet Farm or Tractor Supply Co.
5. You hear someone use the word 'oof-dah' or 'Holy Buckets' and you don't break out in uncontrollable laughter.
6. You think Lutheran and Catholic are THE major religions.