



# O-Pinion

Owatonna, Minnesota

## ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Meeting each Monday 12:00 p.m. – Owatonna Country Club

**Four way test:** 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned?;

3) Will it build good will and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 16: Patrick Mader, author of “Minnesota Gold”

October 23: Minnesota Regional Railroads Assn.

October 30: Dr. Tyler Destere, Fountain Center Medical Director

November 6: Vern White Award to Carol Zetah

November 13: Rotary Foundation Month

November 20: Pete Connor: Hospitality House

November 27: Gaylene Steckelberg: LTO: Preview: “Snapshots: Moments, Memories and Music

December 4: Farewell from Jeff, In-Bound Exchange Student

December 11: Bremer Foundation

December 18: Christmas Music by “Credit Report”:...Rotarians Dave Williams and Ryan Gillespie

December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS...no meeting

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!...no meeting

January 8: Bob Randall: Modern Workforce

January 15: Roger Wareheim: Owatonna Brew House

January 22: Darci Stanford: Owatonna Brain Training Center

January 29: Todd Mueller: Author: Town Ball Parks

## ROTARY O'PINION

Monday, November 13, 2017

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** November is Foundation Month on the ROTARY calendar. Today, ROTARIAN Roger Warehime makes a presentation about the ROTARY FOUNDATION.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kenneth Johnson, Nov. 13, Dave Effertz, Nov. 14, Traci Schimek, Nov. 15.

**STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Eric DuFrene, Hannah Gebur, Macy Voss, Olivia Ahlberg

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Nado, (Indonesia) and Jeff (South Africa)

### NOTES FOR ROTARIANS

In the ROTARY FOUNDATION'S centennial year, ROTARIANS surpassed the goal of raising \$300 million. If you were part of that achievement, you have been part of something tremendous. Somewhere in the world, someplace you have probably never been, people you will never meet, will lead better lives because of you. It is our FOUNDATION that lets us make good on our core beliefs: that we can make a difference, that we have an obligation to do so, and that working together, as well as efficiently as we can, is the only way to effect real and lasting change.

This past Saturday was Veteran's Day. For ROTARIANS, here are some ringside seats in WW II history:

1. The youngest U.S. Serviceman was 12 years old. He was Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a dishonorable discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by Congress.
2. More U.S. Servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, an airman's chance of being killed was 71%.
3. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiro Yoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.
4. When Allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal, from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and General Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).
5. German ME-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they decided it wasn't worth the effort.
6. German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.
7. Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 U.S. and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands. Twenty-one troops were killed in the assault. It could have been worse if there had actually been any Japanese on the island!

Did you know? A cigar half-smoked by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during a 1947 trip to Paris sold for just over \$12,000 during a recent on-line auction. The four-inch cigar was bought by a collector from Palm Beach, Fla. The auction company said Churchill smoked the cigar on May 11, 1947, at Le Bourget Airport.

Remember the Burma Shave signs along the road? Signs that read: "Shaving brush, all wet and hairy. I've passed you up for sanitary; Burma Shave". "Golfers! If fewer strokes are what you crave, you're out of the rough with Burma Shave". "Late risers! Shave in just 2 minutes flat. Kiss your wife, grab your hat..Burma Shave".

Did you know? The Mall of America covers 9.5 million square feet and has enough space to hold 185,000 teenagers yapping away on cell phones!