



## ROTARY O'PINION

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**THIS WEEK:** Today we will be presenting the Paul Harris/Vern White award to Owatonna's own outdoorsman, Dave "Ole" Olson.

**BIRTHDAYS:** John Connor, Nov. 4, Dave Ramsey, Nov. 5, Kim Schaufenbuel, Nov. 6

**NOVEMBER STUDENT ROTARIANS:** Welcome to Laura Bloomenrader, Elena Bueltel, Riley Arthur and Thomas Borgerding

**IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Oscar Christenson, Norway, Nicolas Valenzuela, Chile

### **ROTARY NOTES:**

Some notes about Dave Olson, our honored guest today. "Ole" is an outdoorsman and many of his activities in the community reflect this fact. His work and leadership in the Twenty Rifle and Pistol Club helped improve the facility and eventually to add an indoor archery range that is used for youth education and development of archery and shooting skills. His work as treasurer of the NWTF National Wild Turkey Federation has helped to raise funds to improve habitat for turkeys in the area. He has taught firearm safety for decades, helping literally hundreds of new hunters and marksmen to handle firearms safely and to value and safeguard our natural resources. In 1991, Ole appeared before the Minnesota House in support of a law requiring mandatory firearm safety training before a person could obtain a hunting license in the state. The law passed and was signed by Gov. Arnie Carlson. He is an avid wild turkey hunter.

Congratulations to ROTARIAN Kim Westphal, President/CEO of HomeTown Credit Union, on being recognized recently for 25 years of outstanding dedication and service to HomeTown Credit Union.

This Saturday, November 7, is "ROTARY DAY" at the United Nations. Registered ROTARIANS can visit UN headquarters in New York City and meet leaders from the United Nations, ROTARY and other NGO's. A session for Interactors and ROTARY Youth Exchange students will focus on humanitarian issues. All those registered for the event can also join in a special segment on the *Today* show highlighting ROTARY's work to end polio.

From RI President K.R. Ravindran: "We cannot fight violence with violence. But when we fight it with education, with understanding, and with peace, we can truly be a *Gift to the World*."

Can you help Pastor Dave who lines up volunteers to be greeters each month or says the prayer or invocation? Please let Dave Klawiter know at 676-1212 or e-mail him at [pastordave@stjohnowatonna.org](mailto:pastordave@stjohnowatonna.org).

### **AROUND TOWN**

The annual Woman's Club charity event is set for Saturday, November 21 at the Eagles Club. This year, Colleen Raye and her musicians will provide the entertainment.

This year, proceeds will be divided equally to benefit three local non-profit organizations including "Ride for the Brand" which offers therapeutic horse rides for youth with challenges, "Let's Smile" which provides dental services for underserved children and Homestead Hospice House Patient Care Fund which supports patients facing difficulty paying for hospice services. Tickets are available at Kottke Jewelers...\$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door.

The hotel guest calls the desk and the clerk answers, "May I help you?" The man says, "Yes, I'm in room 858. You need to send someone to my room immediately. I'm having an argument with my wife and she says she's going to jump out the window. The desk clerk says, 'I'm sorry sir, but that's a personal matter.'" The man replies, "Listen, you idiot. The window won't open...that's a maintenance matter!"