

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Pat Heydon, Director of Steele-Waseca Habitat for Humanity.

BIRTHDAYS: Mary Kay Feltes, Oct 12, Dave Albrecht, Oct. 14, Tanya Paley, Oct. 14

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Matt Svestka, Cheyenne Krampitz, Jennifer Schroepfer and Anna Hagen

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Nicolas Valenzuela, Villalobos, Chile, Oscar Christiansen, Norway

ROTARY NOTES

Deadline to nominate a non-ROTARIAN for the Paul Harris/Vern White award is this Thursday, October 15. See ROTARIAN Betsy Lindgren.

Both Owatonna ROTARY Clubs share the ROTARY Ideal and often work together in accomplishing ROTARY's objectives within the Owatonna community and our local district as well as internationally.

OTHER NOTES

Did you know? Have you ever hit a deer with your vehicle? Odds that a driver in Minnesota will hit a deer are up 9 percent this year, according to an analysis by State Farm Insurance. Motorists in Minnesota ranked seventh in the national in the number of vehicle-deer collisions in 2014, based on claims the insurer collected between July 2014 and June 2015. Drivers here have a 1-in-91 chance of hitting a deer, well above the national average of 1 in 169. But those odds are for the year. They double during October and November, State Farm said.

West Virginia was the most likely place for a car-deer incident (1 in 44). Minnesota is behind Iowa (1 in 68) and South Dakota (1 in 73). Drivers in Hawaii had the lowest risk, with chances of hitting a deer just 1 in 8,765!

Here's a brainteaser: A wise man is lost in the desert with no water. He encounters a wise guy who is drinking from a jug. Seeing the wise man approach, the wise guy corks the jug. "May I have some of your water, please?" the wise man asks. "I am dying of thirst." The wise guy replies, "Yes, but only if you agree to three conditions. 1. You must not remove the cork from the jug; 2. You must not break up the cork or make a hole in it; and 3. You must not damage the jug or make a hole in it." The wise man agrees. How does he do it? (Answer at the bottom of the O'Pinion)

Some people think that storing batteries in the refrigerator will make them last longer. Is that true? Ans: Refrigeration may vary slightly in that it slows the chemical reactions that weaken disposable batteries over time, but it isn't worth the effort (assuming you keep them at ordinary room temperature otherwise). First, the batteries must be tightly sealed to keep out harmful moisture. Then, before use, they must be warmed up slowly to room temperature, all the while removing the condensation that occurs during the process. And if you're still tempted, ask yourself, "Why bother with the fridge when batteries already last for years on the shelf?"

So anyway: An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening. She was impressed by the way her lady friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was in the living room, her lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your husband all those loving names." The elderly lady hung her head. "I have to tell you the truth," she said, "his name slipped my mind about 10 years ago, and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old jerk what his name is!"

*Answer to Brainteaser: As the wise guy was drinking from the jug, the wise man knows it isn't full. So, he just pushes the cork down into the jug! (So there you have it!!)