

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Fellow ROTARIAN Brad Meier will speak on the "School to Work" project and ROTARIAN Mike Jensen will preview Culturifest.

BIRTHDAYS: None

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to Greta Jacobson, Audrey Revier, Michelle Benson and Payton Wunderlich

IN-BOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Jeff, South Africa and Nada, Indonesia

ROTARY NOTES

The 2018 R.I. Convention will be in Toronto. R.I. President Ian H.S.Riseley writes, "Toronto is one of my favorite cities. It's a place where half the population is from another country, where over 140 languages are spoken by 2.8 million residents, and where no one ever seems to be too busy to be helpful. In addition to being clean, safe, and friendly, Toronto is a wonderful place to visit, with its attractive Lake Ontario waterfront, great restaurants, one-of-a-kind museums and interesting neighborhoods to explore." Dates of the convention are June 23-27. Deadline for early registration is December 15 and there is an additional discount for registering on-line at riconvention.org.

What were you doing on this date in 2001 when the planes hit the towers in New York? Your editor remembers that I was just finishing taping the Owatonna Today Show when I went to the lounge at the cable TV office and the staff was watching the horror unfold in New York.

President Hiller is seeking a STRIVE coordinator, a STRIVE race coordinator and an Ethics Coordinator. Let him know if you would be interested in helping out!

These memories are directed to our older ROTARIANS. How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Heaters mounted on the inside of the car's fire wall.

Real ice boxes.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Couple in their 90's are both having memory problems. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically ok, but they might want to start writing down things to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream and don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks. "No, I can remember it." "Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?" He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries." "I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down", she asks. Irritated he says, "I don't need to write it down. I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I got it for goodness sake!" Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"

Nominations are being taken for the annual Vern White award. Nomination forms from ROTARIAN Roger Wareheim.