

ROTARY O'PINION

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THIS WEEK: Welcome to Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton!

BIRTHDAYS: David Vandergon, Sept. 8, Lon Thiele, Sept. 9, Jim Brunner, Sept. 17, Edna Ringhofer, Sept. 18

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Welcome to our September Student Rotarians: Eric Benson, Brady Fisher, Isaac Smith and Brandon Peeters.

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

SEPTEMBER INVOCATIONS: Keith Hiller

SEPTEMBER GREETERS: Matt Ketelson, Brock Veldman and Julie Anderson

ROTARY NOTES

November 2 is the date set for the annual awarding of the Paul Harris/Vern White award. If you know of a person deserving of this award that is a non-ROTARIAN, get the name to ROTARIAN Betsy Lindgren. Last year's recipient was Sister Franchon Pirkel, Chaplain at the Hospice House in Owatonna.

The Board of Directors has approved a dues increase of \$30.00 per six months effective January 1. This will cover increased costs of lunches and other business increases.

The Board of Directors has approved the following for ROTARIANS who are responsible for bringing in a new member: A \$50.00 reduction in dues for the billing period or \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks.

Guest meal costs are now \$12.00.

From RI President K.R. Ravindran: "For the last 20 years we have relentlessly beaten the drum of membership in ROTARY. We set goals and launch campaigns, all focuses on bringing in more and more members. And yet, our overall numbers remain the same. It is time to sharpen our tools. Instead of focusing on the questions, "How can we bring more members into ROTARY?" we should be asking ourselves, "How can we add more value to ROTARY membership, so that more will join and fewer will leave?"

AROUND TOWN

This Friday, September 11, the OHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored at a reception and program in the OHS Commons at 3:00 p.m. and at the induction ceremony that night during half time of the Owatonna-Northfield football game. Those members to be inducted include Ed Draheim (coach), Jody Neuleib Young (class of 1982), Scott Kostelecky (class of 1986), Matt Skala (class of 1999) and Mike Lundstrom (class of 2000).

Interested in joining the Citizen's Police Academy at the Owatonna Police Department? Today is the last day to sign up. See ROTARIAN Chief Keith Hiller. The academy will meet Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. beginning September 28 and is designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of our police department and its day to day operations.

So anyway; A single glass of a new wine could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep for those of a "certain age" who find that, as they've gotten older, they have to get up multiple times during the night to empty their bladders. Clare Valley Winery in South Australia which primarily produces Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio has developed a new hybrid grape that acts as a anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips "older" people to have to make it to the bathroom each night. It will be marketed as PINO MORE! (I heard it through the grapevine!)