



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



Considering a major change in your life? Wondering about your investment and the benefits of Rotary? It is not uncommon that from time to time one might have these types of questions about many associations and networks. I am reminded of the experience of Billy

Brown. He decided it was time to buy a new house, so he decided to sell his old house, and put the matter in a real estate agent's hands. The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Bill read it, he turned to the agent and asked, "Does my house have everything your ad says it does?" The agent said, "It certainly does. Why do you ask?" Bill replied, "Cancel the sale. It's exactly what I'm looking for."

Sometimes we need a different perspective or a renewal of the original reasons that commitments were made. Perhaps it is helpful to review the benefits that Rotary provides to us. Here are a few: 1) Service – One can be a part of one of the world's largest family of givers that provides opportunities to assist in making a difference in the lives of people locally, nationally and internationally; 2) Fellowship/

Scribbles...

Courage League Sports

Melissa Clarke-Wharff gave the Club an overview of the founding and operation of Courage League Sports. The motto and mission that drives Courage League Sports is "EveryBODY deserves to play."

Melissa's son, Jack, suffered a series of strokes when he was 8 and lost his ability to walk and talk. After lengthy rehabilitation, they discovered there were few places where children with limitations could play and participate. Courage League Sports opened in fall of 2013 to serve the needs of children and adults with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.

Courage League Sports offers programs in adaptive sports, power sports (games in power wheel chairs), arts and crafts, music, and adult

Relationships – These are two of the original reasons that Rotary came into being. There is nothing to match the face-to-face weekly connections within the community with those one would otherwise have no relationship; 3) Continuing Education and Community Updates – Every week the programs presented are from a variety of professional fields, organizations and leaders which provide what no other media can provide – first-hand knowledge; 4) Personal Growth – opportunities to develop skills with others in the community; 5) Leadership and Public Speaking Skill Development – Rotary has an outstanding program of intentionally training leaders; 6) Awareness of Culture – One cannot go very far in Rotary without encountering the diversity of the world in which we live.

As you review these few benefits it is hoped that they will confirm that you are indeed at home in Rotary and exactly what you are looking for! In addition, it just might be that a friend, colleague or family member is looking for a new "home" of service to humanity and meaningful relationships! You can be the agent to assess that need and invite them to a Rotary meeting as a potential meeting. Would it not be great to hear them say: "This is exactly what I'm looking for? Thank you for the invitation!"

wheel chairs), arts and crafts, music, and adult fitness. Each week 48 programs are offered, which serve 1,000 children and 750 adults each month.

An unexpected benefit that arose is the chance for their members to socialize. In many areas of their lives they can be somewhat isolated, so giving them a chance to be the norm rather than the exception is a valuable and rewarding experience.

Courage League Sports serves an important role of giving its members the chance to be active and engaged all year round.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews



January 12, 2018

This Week's Program:

Rolling Green Elementary

Arranged By:

Julia Taylor

Greeter:

Doyle Sanders

Invocation:

TBA

Sergeant:

Roger Nyberg

Scribe:

Laura Holmes

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Future Programs

1/19: Steve Bass
Urbandale School

1/26: Melanie Shellenberger
Safe at Home

2/2: Kellie Markey
Dorothy's House

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)

Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)

Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)

Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)

West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)

Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon)

The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)

Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)

Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

This & That

Yes we are still talking Toast – We want to Boast the Most for the Toast!

... To Rotary District 6000! This year the District 6000 Conference is being divided into five locations: Davenport, Coralville, Ottumwa, Carroll and West Des Moines. The West Des Moines Toast to Rotary will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM at the West Des Moines Marriott.

The cost is \$49, which includes social hour, meal, speakers, door prizes, entertainment, fun, fellowship and networking. Register by going to <http://rotary6000.org/Event/a-toast-to-district-6000---west-des-moines> to obtain a registration form and all the information on the five locations. We'll also have forms available at meetings, and will try to send them out with the weekly e-mail, in the future. Plan to attend at least one and let's have a good representation of our Club!



Upcoming Events

Rotary Social

Thursday, January 25th (More details to come!)

CFUM Meals

Monday, February 26th

Northwest Rotary Board Meeting

January 23 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Urbandale Library Conference Room

Polio Plus Night at the Iowa Wolves

February 3 - Wells Fargo Arena

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Congratulations!

Jim Arthur presented his son, Pat, with a Paul Harris Fellow designation. Thanks for being a part of our Rotary family!



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Jan 19 - Urbandale School	Julia Taylor	Bob Moore	Ed Arnold	LeAnn Auxier
Jan 26 - Safe At Home	Helen Turner	Kasey Vogel	Penny Luthens	Bob Moore
Feb 2 - Dorothy's House	Kasey Vogel	Roger Nyberg	Jim Lipscomb	John Waldron
<p><i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!</p> <p>Email that information to lglendenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - j Mercer-klimowski@emcnl.com.</p>				