



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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May 12, 2017

## This Week's Program:

Deanna Clingan-Fischer, JD  
Long-term Care  
Ombudsman

### Arranged By:

Chuck Corwin

### Greeter:

Regis Karch

### Invocation:

Bill Grask

### Sergeant:

Jenifer M-K

### Scribe:

Wyatt Earp

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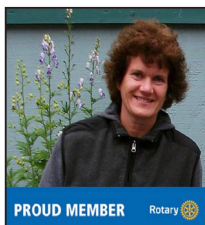
## Future Programs

5/19: Melissa Burdick  
The Brenton Arboretum

5/25: Iowa Cubs Outing

## Prez Sez

Brenda Auxier-Mailey



### Busy Rotarians

Last week was busy for Rotarians. Several members attended the Rotary District 6000 Conference in Coralville. The pre-conference was kicked-off by University of

Iowa service-learning students sharing their experience of traveling to Xicotepec over spring break. Friday's luncheon speaker was David C. Forward, author of *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International and Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years*. Saturday's highlights included a breakfast buffet, storytelling by youth, and programs on growing membership and a luncheon. The evening was filled with entertainment including the traditional fundraising auction and of course throughout the conference individual Rotarians were recognized for their outstanding service.

## Scribbles...

### Mary Kramer Ambassador Stories

Mary & Kay Kramer, Former Ambassador to Barbados and spouse, and Rotarians Extraordinaire Mary Kramer was appointed as Ambassador to Barbados and 7 small neighboring countries by President George W. Bush in 2003.

While vacationing in Hilton Head after a contentious legislative session where she was President of the Senate, she received a call from the White House and spoke to President Bush himself. She accepted and attended Ambassadorial "charm school." At the Congressional hearing, she was seated in a very nice chair but too high for her feet to touch the floor. That did not make for a comfortable hearing, but it was successful. She

Sunday, May 7th was NW Des Moines' Mayor's Bike Ride, with pancakes being served by the Urbandale Lions Club from 11:00 – 1:00, door prize drawings were held at 10:45 and the bike ride began at 1:00. Riders were treated to root beer floats following their ride. Watch for pictures and final fundraising results in next week's *Nor'Wester*.

Don't forget that this **Saturday, May 13th**, we will be serving up more root beer floats at the Urbandale HyVee to help raise money for Special Olympics.

**Friday, May 19th**, immediately following our regular meeting we will be creating a club elevator speech which members will be able to use to pique the interest of potential members and our community.

On **May 25th**, join fellow club members and their families at our Iowa Cubs tailgate social. Please remember to sign up online or at our meeting on Friday.

To keep up with our many events, be sure to read the Upcoming Events listed in our weekly *Nor'Wester*.

was sworn in by Secretary Powell, who had to teach her the diplomatic kiss.



On their arrival, she found herself in a place she had never been to live in a place where they had never seen to work with people who she had never met. The Ambassador's residence was a beautiful place and had a wonderful staff in a fantastic location. Security was always an issue, especially as to communications, because you never knew who was listening. She stood out as one of the few light skinned, white-haired persons on the island. Early on they visited the local Rotary Club wearing her Rotary pin,

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## 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)

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, Okoboji Bar & Grill on 86th in Johnston on the 1st & 2nd Wed. (6:00 pm)

### 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)

## Did You Know?

### Tolerance of Differences

Tolerance is one of the most important virtues in Rotary. As early as 1911 Rotary's founder Paul Harris in his essay "Rational Rotarianism" said, "If by interposition of Providence I someday were to find myself standing on a platform in some great Coliseum looking into the eyes of every living Rotarian, and were to be told that I could have one word to say, without an instant's hesitation and at the top of my voice, I would shout 'Toleration!'"

Our founder Paul Harris has repeatedly emphasized: "Rotarians respect each other's opinions and are tolerant and friendly at all times. Catholics, Protestants, Moslems, Jews, and Buddhists break bread together in Rotary." It is this tolerant attitude that prompted the Rotary International to adopt the following statement in 1933: "Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts (differences), and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country." Tolerance is a key to understanding among different peoples and nations.

Source: Shao, W. L. "About Tolerance Talk, About a Rotary Giant." Rotary Family Values. 2000

## Upcoming Events

### Special Olympics Root Beer Float Sales

Saturday, May 13 - Urbandale Hy-Vee  
11 am to 4 pm (one hour shifts)

### Creation of Club's Elevator Speech

Friday, May 19th  
Immediately following club meeting

### Spring Club Social

Thursday, May 25  
Iowa Clubs Game with a tailgate  
potluck prior to the game  
Tailgate 5:00 eat at 5:30 - Game starts at 6:30

### Water - More than what we drink!

June 1 through June 9 - A look at water quality and sustainability - its impact on our community, economy and world

### Installation Dinner

Thursday, June 29 - Christopher's  
Social at 6:00 - Dinner at 6:30



*Birthdays*  
May 9 Jim Pittman

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

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## Future Information



**Chuck Corwin - Program Chair & Cindy Ray - Meeting Coordinator Chair**

### Program

### Greeter

### Invocation

### Sergeant

### Scribe

May 19 - Brenton Arboretum

Joe Kobes

John Waldron

Bob Moore

Julia Taylor

May 26 - No Meeting

No Meeting

No Meeting

No Meeting

No Meeting

June 7 - TBA

Ruppel, Rod

Nyberg, Roger

Glendenning, Leray

Grask, Bill

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Email that information to [bjamemail@gmail.com](mailto:bjamemail@gmail.com) also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - [jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com](mailto:jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com).



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### April 28 Scribbles

#### Jody Jenner Broadlawns Hospital



Mr. Jenner is an administrator at Broadlawns Hospital. Broadlawns is a 100-year-old hospital here in Des Moines that used to be a community safety net for Medicaid/Medicare patients. In the last 3 years, Broadlawns has gone through a transformation to be market competitive, and to have less reliance on public money for its operations. A 75 million dollar facility expansion began in 2011, with upgrades in the infrastructure involving the ER, Surgery, Radiology and Inpatient Services. In 2015, an expansion was done in the Behavioral Health and Family Medicine Clinics, as well as the Dental Clinic. All these changes have formed a new culture change to be transparent and open as a government entity, but also act as a private sector business. Broadlawns will continue to be a public safety net in this community, but with these changes they have improved patient satisfaction and have given the people of Des Moines another first class healthcare option!

#### Nubia Mesquita Kid's Place in Recife, Brazil



Ms. Mesquita is a distant relative of fellow rotarian Doyle Sanders. Her mother started Kid's Place in Recife, Brazil in 1991. It is a non-profit that only helps children from the slums in Recife. With her mother's foresight and Nubia's help, they have provided a safe place for kids to go to after school. Kid's Place now helps over 100 kids age 4-12, and provides up to 200 meals per day. Since 41% of their population in Recife lives in poverty, and the fact Brazil has an unemployment rate of 12% to go with an inflation rate of 11%, Kid's Place has provided a lot of help to underprivileged children in Recife. All their hard work has allowed these kids to improve their quality of life, and help the kids achieve Kid's Place motto of "We believe in dreams."

Scribe, Bill Grask

### Scribbles continued...

#### Ambassador Stories

not realizing that they did not admit women as Rotarians. Shortly after that awkward moment, the local club decided to admit women.

Kay recalled his first memorable experience in Northwest Des Moines Rotary as a new Member, when he became a Paul Harris Fellow for his donation to the then-new efforts to eradicate polio. In Barbados, Kay was always in the target of the Rotary Sergeant because Mary was always in the newspaper. The fines there were \$25 (US) a hit. One Rotary project that he was able to facilitate through the Ambassador's office was to get a lawn tractor for a local charity. The problem was that they needed gas to run the machine, which was always in use in that climate. So they put a bowl out for collections every week. That raised money for the gasoline. Mary noted that they still have many Rotary friends when they go back to visit.

Mary also discussed the significance of Governor Branstad's duties as Ambassador to China. The Ambassador's relationship is always utmost in dealing with a country like China. He has had many years of knowing the president of China. Trade will be of highest priority in China. Whereas in her case, her charge was simple: to do what was necessary to facilitate maintenance of democracy in those 8 countries. She had a lot of leeway in dealing with those kinds of issues in a small place. But China's size (34 provinces), the huge population, so many people wanting to seek asylum, so many issues, and all of them at a much higher level of interchange within the country. But as Mary learned, the importance of trust and credibility are always paramount and will be a charge that he will have to meet right out of the chute.

Doyle Sanders, Scribe

Don't Forget to Get Your  
Rootbeer Float Saturday!!!  
Urbandale Hy-Vee - 11:00 to 4:00

