



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



The conductor roared out the invitation, "AAAAAL ABOARD! Tickets please!" The family, including three grandsons, eight years and under, and I stepped onto the ninety ton train and took our seats. In a few minutes we heard the brakes release and felt the mighty diesel

engines engage and we began our ascent of eight thousand feet to the 14,115 top of Pikes Peak on the tracks of the Cog Railway. In route, the conductor gave us a description of the engineering uniqueness of the railway. Though the powerful engines create the necessary thrust to propel the train up the mountain, that in several places included a twenty-five percent grade incline, the secret power is in the railway itself. Beneath the train in the center of the track are numerous cogs which engage a cogwheel on the train and aid the engines in insuring that the train does not lose traction. It insures that the cars carrying scores of passengers do not lose the

the ground that has been gained by the locomotion of the engines.

I thought of the parallels to Rotary. The great "engines" of our International Organization provide powerful influence world-wide to tackle huge mountains of human need such as the eradication of Polio, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving mothers and children and supporting education. Powerful partnerships with other organizations, foundations and government agencies move us up the mountain. But what is it that keeps Rotary from losing the ground that is gained when challenged with steep inclines? What is it that impacts our local community? It is people like you and me who bring the "cogs" of the best of our values, our faith traditions, our skills and our persistent determination to succeed. Together we find common fellowship and causes and we have fun making a difference for dozens, hundreds, thousands and millions of people. Together we invite prospective new members to join us in the journey and say to our community and to the world: "AAAAAL ABROAD!" We are going to the top!

Scribbles...

Sam Carrell

Water Works Foundation

The September 29, 2017 Northwest Rotary Club meeting was a look into the future. We were greeted by Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski and blessed with guest Rob Heater (guest of Bill D. Corwin). The meeting was led by President Elect Penny Luthens, who experienced the awesome presidential responsibility for the first time, and proved equal to the task.

Water Works park is the 5th largest urban park in the United States. It is a public park and is managed by the Public Utility. At 176 acres, it is on a flood plain that features the Raccoon River and Walnut Creek. At the far end of the park is the 31st street bridge that bikers / walkers use. He gave the details of



the plan for the future renovations that include an underpass through to Gray's Lake to provide more parking on the west side of Fleur Drive. If you get lost in the park you can use your cell phone to get your park location. The next big addition to the park will be an ADA compliant boat ramp. There is also a plan for an amphitheater as they work toward increasing the 8 million in pledges and reserving 700,000 \$ for on-going maintenance.

Ed Arnold & Julia Taylor, Scribe

October 6, 2017

This Week's Program:

Rotary Website
Accessing Media

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Dianne D-Nelson

Invocation:

Bill Corwin

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Beth Goedken

2017-18 Officers & Directors

Leray Glendenning, President

Penny Luthens, President Elect

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Wendi Wilson, Int' Service

Ed Arnold - Membership

Mark McAndrews, Youth Services

Kasey Vogel, Public Image

Beth Goedken, Programs

Brenda A-M, Past President

Future Programs

10/13: Rob Denson
DMACC

10/20: District Governor
*Board will meet with the
Governor at 10:15 at
UGCC.*

10/27: Josh Ervasti

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)

Upcoming Events

One Rotary Summit

October 12 - Shive-Hattery in West Des Moines
Registration by October 9 <http://rotary6000.org/event/one-rotary-summit---west-des-moines-1/> No charge

District Governor Visit -- October 20th Meeting

CFUM -- Monday October 23rd - 4:45

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

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This & That

October is Polio Month

The road to eradicating polio has been a long and difficult climb. Since 1985 Rotary has been leading the fight. Great ground has been covered toward the goal in going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 10 so far this year. The fight has required time, money, dedication, and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease. There are several things that are not commonly known about this fight. Here is number one: Ice cream factories in Syria are helping by freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during immunization campaigns. We will discover the other facts in coming weeks!



One Rotary Summit

Think about attending the District 6000 Fall Training event, **ONE ROTARY SUMMIT** Thursday, October 12, at the Shive-Hattery, Inc.

A light supper will be served at 5:30 and program from 6-8:30. Pre-registration is required for this FREE event. Learn how to be an effective leader in Rotary, engage in fresh thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen your membership in Rotary.

This is for **ALL ROTARIANS!** Please contact Leray Glendenning if you would like to attend, or register online at: <http://rotary6000.org/event/one-rotary-summit---west-des-moines-1/> by October 9.

Why Bicycles?

For many people in the developing world, walking is their primary mode of transportation. When you provide a bicycle, people are empowered with the opportunity to make choices. Over time, bicycles enrich the lives of entire communities.

Donate \$147 to purchase a Buffalo Bicycle to honor our good friend Chuck!



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Oct 13 - DMACC	Bob Moore	David Crandall	Laura Holmes	Jim Arthur
Oct 20 - District Governor	Roger Nyberg	Diana Reed	Kasey Vogel	Jim Arthur
Oct 27 - Josh Ervasti	Dave Piersel	Marv Johnson	Roger Nyberg	Brenda AM
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Email that information to lglendenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com .				