



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



Preparing for a tag sale, a man and his wife decided to put out a mirror they had received as a wedding gift. Its garish aqua colored metal frame just did not seem to fit with the décor of their home. The tag sale began and a man looking to decorate his apartment bought the mirror for one dollar. As he finished paying for it he exclaimed with excitement: "This is a really good deal! It still has the plastic on it." Then he proceeded to peel off the aqua colored protective covering to reveal a beautiful gold finished frame.

We stand at the threshold of a brand new year . . . 2018! As we take inventory of our lives, I wonder how many of us might find mirrored gifts of gold talent and influence still wrapped in the plastic cover of our own protective fears.

As we review the mid-year accomplishments and goals of our Club, we have made some great progress. Toward our goal of receiving five new members we have welcomed one new member, with a second new member

being published this week. Out of 25 planned projects we have successfully completed nine. Together, we have donated \$9,300 in cash and \$2,800 in goods and services. One hundred sixty-five volunteers have invested 838 total volunteer hours into our community and the world. This reflects good movement toward our goal of every member being involved in at least two club projects this year. Toward our goal of every member taking the next step in giving to the Rotary Foundation, we have achieved the distinction of every member being a Paul Harris Fellow! I am grateful for the participation, the commitment, and the generosity of each of you that has made this possible! This is fantastic!

However, the fiscal year is only half over! There is still "protective plastic" on our Club's potential! We have goals yet to reach! Continue to join me in reaching our three goals: introducing a potential member to Rotary, participating in two projects, and taking the next step in your level of giving to the Foundation! Let's continue rip the plastic off of our potential and shine to reflect the quality of Club that we are!

Scribbles...

Teach A Child To Farm - Sarah Hanson

The speaker on Friday was from Blessman Ministries. One of their missions is to help eliminate the malnutrition in South Africa. They have a program that has been highly successful that is called Teach a Child to Fish. Through this program, they hope to feed the hungry and foster food secure communities. This program has been effective in three different ways.

1. It replenishes the food supply that allows Blessman to feed more than 7500 people
2. It allows production of sustainable food that can be sold at market.
3. It empowers the youth to be more self sufficient.

One harvest can feed people for one month. In another project Blessman, has partnered with Hy-Vee and Rotary to drill 14 new wells for fresh water, and hopes to add 5-10 more in 2018. They have added new enviro-toilets that have improved the sanitary conditions in the area and they will add another 25 toilets in 2018. The area that this ministry is serving has an 80% unemployment rate and 60% of them have HIV. Blessman has a 130-acre farm in the area where they are growing vegetable crops, breeding game, and have just started raising Tilapia

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December 29, 2017

This Week's Program:

Iowa Wolves

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Larry Sample

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Bob Moore

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

2017-18 Officers & Directors

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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

1/5: Luncheon at
Courage League Sports

1/12: Julia Taylor
School could eat at 11:45
with Gr 4 and Gr5.

1/19: Steve Bass
Urbandale School
Superintendent

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

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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This & That

It is Time For a 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 using the form at your table today or go <http://rotary6000.org/event/a-toast-to-district-6000> to obtain a registration form and all the information on the five locations. Plan to attend at least one and let's have a good representation of our Club!



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Jan 5 - Courage League Sports	Randy Taber	Laura Holmes	Kasey Vogel	Mark McAndrews
Jan 12 - Julia Taylor	Doyle Sanders	LeAnn Auxier	Roger Nyberg	Laura Holmes
Jan 19 - Urbandale School	Julia Taylor	Bob Moore	Ed Arnold	LeAnn Auxier
<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 - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com.</p>				



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fish. The land in the area is very fertile and they are teaching people how to use their land. Five kids from ten different schools will be selected to learn how to farm and run a successful business at Blessman's Mountain-view farm. If you are interested in attending a mission trip through Blessman, they have Rotary trips twice a year, one in January and one in the fall. Blessman feels they are serving the Lord by serving others.

Helen Turner, Scribe



New Member Proposal

The following candidate has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines:

Gregory Hartley, Auxiliary Captain

Classification: Community Service

Business Name: Salvation Army Citadel Corps
and Community Center

1216 East 25th Court, Des Moines, IA.

Proposed By: Ed Arnold

The above proposal has been reviewed by the Classification and Membership Committees. If no written objections are received by the Board within seven (7) days of this publication, the proposed member will be considered elected to the membership.

End Of The Year Push!

Join us to put **The Power of Bicycles** into the hands of students, healthcare workers and entrepreneurs!

World Bicycle Relief builds & distributes locally assembled bicycles through study-to-own and work-to-own programs.

Join other Rotary Members and donate \$147 to purchase a Buffalo Bicycle to honor our good friend Chuck!



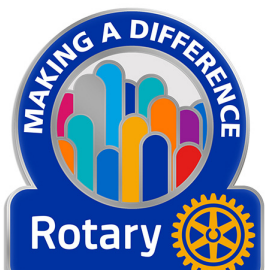
Buffalo Bicycles are durable, featuring steel alloy frames, forks and spokes and a rear carrier capacity rated to 100kg. Weighing in at 5kg (a complete bike is 24kg), the heft of the steel frame is not a hindrance but evidence of the bicycle's strength. WBR is committed to using high-quality, well-designed parts. This improves the bicycle's functionality, reliability and strength, and keeps more Buffalo Bicycles on the road.



Meeting Reminders

January 5: Meeting at Courage League Sports in Urbandale for our Friday meeting

January 12: Regular meeting at Rolling Green Elementary School in Urbandale. Julia Taylor will be hosting us for lunch and career conversations with her 4th & 5th graders!



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Jolly Holiday Lights

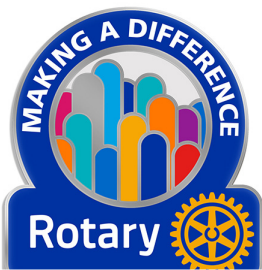


Back Row: Lesa Glendenning, Jim Arthur, LeAnn Auxier, Santa, Wendi Wilson, Donna Moore, Bob Moore.
 Front row: Elliot Klimowski, Jenifer M-K



Jim Lipscomb, Ed Arnold, Ellen Corwin, Jean Lipscomb, Santa, Nancy Sample, Bob Moore





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More Jolly Holiday Lights



Leray Glendening, in from parking lot duty: cold!



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who came out
and made this another successful year
for Jolly Holiday Lights!!!
Your continued participation is
greatly appreciated!!