



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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January 4, 2019

This Week's Program:

Jan Herke

All-inclusive Playground

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Larry Sample

Sergeant:

Brad Helgemo

Scribe:

Brenda AM

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Future Programs

1/11: Julia Taylor
Rolling Green School

1/18: Rob Johansen
Urbandale Police Department

1/25: Tom Perrine
WDM Tallgrass Theatre

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



Happy New Year Rotarians! While we are officially at the half-way point of our Rotary Year, we are at the top of a new calendar year. Calendar year turnovers are always a time for resolutions. As an employee of the Y, I see this in action as

many people join and commit to a healthier lifestyle.

For us as Rotarians, I think that this is an excellent time to return to our current RI theme. This year our theme is Be the Inspiration. As we enter 2019, my challenge to you is to reflect on this theme and see how you can incorporate it into your personal, professional,

and Rotarian life. Rather than thinking of it as a theme or helpful statement to hold true to your resolutions, consider it a theme of self-growth for you we enter this next calendar year.

Likely you all have an excellent foundation of being the inspiration in all areas of your life. I would wager that your commitment to Rotary is a byproduct of this. My challenge to you however, is how can you subtly tweak the meaning of this in your life to make a difference in your family, community and club.

Happy New Year, friends. Keep in mind:

"We rise by uplifting others."

~ Robert Ingersoll

Scribbles...

Gunnar Olson - Water Trails

Our Speaker, Gunnar Olson, substituted for Todd Ashby, who is recovering from surgery.

Historically, and especially during the westward movement, towns were established along waterways for purposes of transportation. As new modes of transportation have developed, we have become disengaged from our waterways. The Greater Des Moines Water Trails Project is a coalition of local organizations that seeks to develop and improve the waterways in the Des Moines area. Goals are to promote safety (remember the drowning and near-drowning at the Center Street Dam?), foster economic development, attract tourism and workforces, improve water quality, and provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation. This will have a regional impact, with 150 rivers and creeks in the area and 86 projects on the drawing board.

Because of the reliable flow of water, the Center Street Dam location in Des Moines is targeted to become a "High Energy Adventure" with a white water feature, a wave generator, the nearby Lauridsen Skate Park, a viewing deck, and possibly even ZIP lines

over the river. The Scott Avenue Dam and bridge is the most

popular fishing location in the State, according to the DNR. Fleur Drive leading to Gray's Lake is targeted to relocate the low-head dam and create a learn-and-play area, similar to Center Street, without the white water features.

Just a few examples of other locations with plans in the works: Raccoon River & Blue Heron Lake in WDM, Beaver Creek in Johnston, near the Merle Hay exit from I-35/80, Colby Park in Windsor Heights, Prospect Park on the DM River near Birdland, Walker-Johnston Park in Urbandale

Plans are designed to improve access with trails, beaches, docks, boat rentals, shelters and picnic areas, etc.

The current budget is \$11 million, using both private and public funds. Visit the Des Moines MPO website for more information: <http://dmampo.org/water-trails-draft-plan/>



Scribe, Jenifer MK

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

January 11th meeting at Rolling Green Elementary School

Board Meeting Tuesday, January 15th

Polios Plus Des Moines Timberwolves Game

Saturday, February 2nd at 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

Trivia Question!

At our holiday party we had a book drive to help support literacy in our local schools. It was exciting to see the books that helped shape our youth. How many books did we collect at our December 13th, 2018 50th anniversary celebration? Email your best guess to penny.luthens@dmymca.org



Birthdays

Dec 12 John Pittman

Dec 15 Tim Leadingham

Dec 28 LeAnn Auxier

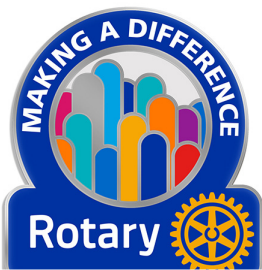


Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

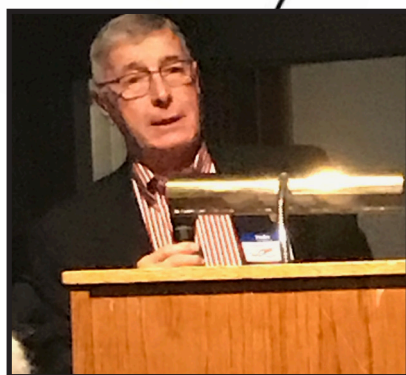
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Jan 11 - Rolling Green School	Greg Hartley	Bill Grask	Bob Moore	Wendi Wilson
Jan 18 - Urbandale Police Dept.	Larry Sample	Mark McAndrews	Kasey Vogel	John Pittman
Jan 25 - WDM Tallgrass Theatre	Randy Taber	Le Ann Auxier	Ed Arnold	Laura Holmes
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				

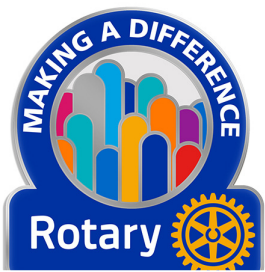


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Glad to see so many come out for our
annual Northwest Rotary
Holiday Party!

Fun was had by all!!

We wish you and your family
a Happy New Year we look forward to
another successful Rotary Year!