



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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January 18, 2019

*This Week's Program:*

**Rob Johansen**

Urbandale Police Dept.

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Larry Sample

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Kasey Vogel

Scribe:

John Pittman

## 2018-19 Officers & Directors

Penny Luthens, President

Beth Goedken, President Elect

Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer

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Wendi Wilson, Int'l Service

Bill D. Corwin, Membership

Brenda AM, Youth Services

Kasey Vogel, Public Image

Ed Arnold, Club Svs & Programs

Leray Glendenning, Past President

## Future Programs

**1/25:** Tom Perrine  
WDM Tallgrass Theatre

**2/1:** Jerry Holt  
Urbandale Fire Department

**2/8:** Kevin Stiles  
Poultry Industry

## Prez Sez

*Penny Luthens*



Rotarians, this last week we lost a great one to cancer. Diana Reed was an incredible inspiration to me as a Rotarian, Community Leader, and woman. She was able to balance strengthening her community and holding up high the importance of family. I always felt so honored to pick her brain on subjects. She was a wealth of knowledge and brought such joy to our weekly meetings. I asked a few Rotarians to share with you this week their thoughts about Diana.

Jim Arthur shared "I always found it was hard to say no to Diana about involvement in Rotary, even if her suggestions were just a subtle comment. Here was a lady with a very busy career at Drake, with active involvement at the District level who also found time to be involved in club activities. As District Governor, she had traveled to Nigeria and walked long distances in the tropical heat to vaccinate children against Polio. When she made suggestions about involvement in international activities, how could you decline? Diana never "put on airs," but was an inspiration in her own quiet way. I will miss her."

Bill D. Corwin shared "I worked closely with her on our shift selling the ice cream floats for Special Olympics. She had her granddaughter and her husband helping us out. She had a strong commitment to our club and the service project. I was impressed to see her granddaughter along and found out it was the first time she had assisted. She also really enjoyed people's reaction to the floats. She was a wonderful mentor for a new Rotarian. She will be missed for certain."

Mark McAndrews shared "One memory I have of Diana is her story of her Polio Immunization trip she took to Nigeria. One story was they had an audience with the President of Nigeria and he greeted them mounted on a white stallion adorned in full regalia. Some of the locals told them that was a rare audience reserved for the most special visitors and clearly he understood the good Rotary was doing in his country. The other

story I remember is that they were transported on a small bus accompanied by local Rotarians carrying fully automatic weapons as bandits were quite common where they were working. The local Rotarians were quizzing them during their journey and Diana quickly ascertained that they were not just getting to know their guests, but their questions were much more direct and they were determining who would be reliable should they come under attack. That story really embodies her service to Rotary in that she always saw things 2 or 3 levels deep not just on the surface and did some of the hard work to achieve our goals around the world."

Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski shared "I knew Diana for slightly longer than I have been in Rotary: her grandson, Bryan Campos, played baseball at Holiday Park with my son, Elliot, for several years, and Diana and Rick were often in the stands with us, cheering our boys on. She was thus one of the first people to welcome me to NWDM Rotary, since we were already friends, through the kids. I will miss her, very much, on many levels.

You to see a pattern of stories here. She will certainly be missed by our Club, but her contributions will live on for years to come.

## Dr. Diana Reed 1942 - 2019



## Condolence

It's with deep sorrow that we said goodbye to our fellow Rotary member and friend Dr. Diana Reed who passed away on January 8, 2019 after her long courageous battle with cancer. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Diana will be remembered for her loyal friendship, infectious smile and commitment to our club.



## Upcoming Events

Polio Plus Des Moines Wolves Game  
Saturday, February 2nd at Wells Fargo Arena

Monday, February 25 - CFUM Dinner

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

**Jenifer Mercer-  
Klimowski**

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*Birthdays*  
Jan 13 Marv Johnson

## Future Information



**Beth Goedken - Program Chair**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Jan 25 - WDM Tallgrass Theatre	Randy Taber	Le Ann Auxier	Ed Arnold	Laura Holmes
Feb 1 - Urbandale Fire Dept.	Doyle Sanders	Bob Moore	Leray Glendenning	LeAnn Auxier
Feb 8 - Poultry Industry	Julia Taylor	Kasey Vogel	Jim Lipscomb	Bob Moore
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				

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## This & That

### Trivia Question!

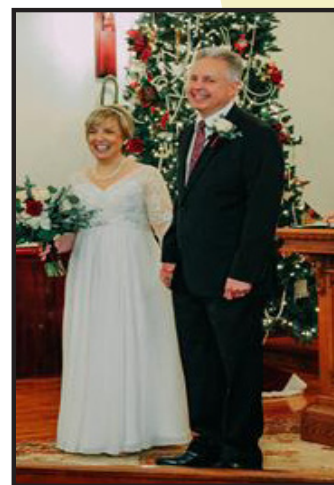
What was Diana Reed's favorite Drake sports team? Where did/do her grandsons play football? Send me your answer for an additional raffle ticket. Penny

Luthens (penny.luthens@dmymca.org)



## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our fellow Rotarian Wendi Wilson on her marriage to Jeff. We wish you many years of happiness and joy on your new journey!







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## Scribbles...

### *Julia Taylor Rolling Green School*

The January 11th meeting was held at Rolling Green Elementary School. Julia Taylor invited us over for our annual lunch with 5th graders. We were greeted at the front door by a wonderful welcoming committee of young students. They showed us to the cafeteria so we could receive our nutritious school hot lunch and then off to the Library for lunch and conversation. We had a great representation of Rotarians at the lunch. We sang happy birthday to Penny before our sergeant Bob quizzed us about Iowa weather fun facts. The fifth graders came prepared with questions for our group and I'm happy to report that we managed to get 4 out of the 5 questions correct! We spent about 15 minutes having great discussions with our tables of 5th graders answering questions about our current careers, including "how much do you make?" and "how long did you have to go to school to do that?". We ended the meeting by getting tours of the school and the 5th grade classrooms. This is always one of the most fun meetings we have!

Don't forget to get out there and sell your Polio Plus game night tickets...we are behind where we were last year! See Ed Arnold for additional tickets!

Scribe, Wendi Wilson



## 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)