



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

February 1, 2019

This Week's Program:

Jerry Holt

Urbandale Fire Department

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Doyle Sanders

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

LeAnn Auxier

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Future Programs

2/8: Mathew Voorhees
Hope & Opportunity Future

2/15: E. Sterling Taylor
ISU Climatologist

2/22: Kourtney Kirkpatrick
Home Opportunities Made

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



I was so delighted a few weeks ago to have a decent number of Rotarians come visit Rolling Green Elementary school. It is always so meaningful to have dialogue with young people about their world outlooks, aspirations, and current areas of study in their classrooms. During our lunch, I sat with three 5th grade girls. One was interested in pursuing engineering, one veterinarian studies, and one not quite certain. All three, however, were also certain that they would each have their own YouTube channel as well.

It was such a pleasure to donate new books for our Rolling Green friends as well. That contribution was especially meaningful, because those books were our Club members' favorite school-aged books. We are giving a little bit about us and paying it forward for our next generation to enjoy.

I hope that those of you who attended were able to have a meaningful quality conversation with a few young people. It was awesome to have student-led tours as well. My group of girls was very excited to share with us their book projects that they were working on with their google school capacities. The world of learning has continued to evolve. Being a 5th grader is serious business. While we can learn from them, they too can learn from us.

That being said, I would like to conclude with a quote: "We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends." Mary Jane McLeod Bethune, American educator, stateswoman, philanthropist, humanitarian and civil rights activist.

Scribbles...

Tom Perrine WDM Tallgrass Theatre

Tom Perrine is the Artistic Director of Tallgrass Theater Company (TTC) and gave our Club a glimpse behind the scenes of the motivation for the founding and continuing operations of this endeavor. TTC was co-founded in 2002 by Jessie Phillips and Jim Stephenson and named to reflect two characteristics of tallgrass prairies: they are deeply rooted, and they rejuvenate every year.

TTC is currently located at the former Rex Mathes Elementary School in West Des Moines and shares the space with a home school operation. The building has no air conditioning, thus productions are limited to cool

weather months. As the school they share the facility with has grown their space has become quite limited and they are looking for a new home for TTC.

TTC is an all-volunteer organization - there is no paid staff. They accomplish all that they do through the efforts of volunteers. There are many ways to become involved in TTC: assist with a performance by building sets (they will train you), working with costumes and setting up lighting; ushering at a performance; serving on their board; various committees that need members; or donating financially to TTC. Being an all-volunteer

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*Rotarians and Theater "wonks,"
Jim Arthur and Jennifer Mercer-Klimowski,
with Tom Perrine*

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

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:

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This & That

Trivia Question!

For this week's trivia, let's talk about the hierarchy of Rotary.

The local Rotary Club is where the rubber meets the road, with our weekly meetings filled with interesting speakers, community service projects, vocational items of interest, fellowship, youth services and of course the Rotary foundation. There are currently over 34,500 Rotary clubs in the world. Rotary clubs are present in over how many countries? I will round up or down to the nearest 10.

Email penny.luthens@dmymca.org with your answers.



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organization means ticket prices remain very affordable.

In addition to the three productions they stage each year, they have several other programs. A children's theater experience is offered through the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department. The Dream Project allows anyone with a theatrical idea to pitch it to TTC. Those selected will then be staged by TTC. The first Dream Project was two actors performing Sam Shephard's *True West*, with the two of them swapping between the two main roles on alternating performances. Two very different productions came from the same cast and script. The Iowa Playwrights Workshop is a chance for local playwrights, performers and theater enthusiasts to see a production workshopped as it evolves over a week from initial read to final performance.

Ordinary Days is currently being staged, a musical set in New York City. From late March into April *Eat Your Heart Out* will be showing.

Clearly, TTC is serving its mission of being deeply rooted in the local community and rejuvenating their company and their audience every year.

Mark McAndrews, Scribe

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Feb 8 - Hope & Opportunity	Julia Taylor	Kasey Vogel	Jim Lipscomb	Helen Turner
Feb 15 - ISU Climatologist	Brad Helgemo	Roger Nyberg	Joe Kobes	Marv Johnson
Feb 22 - Home Opportunities Made	Kasey Vogel	Ed Arnold	Dan Boes	Bill Grask
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				