



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

## Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning

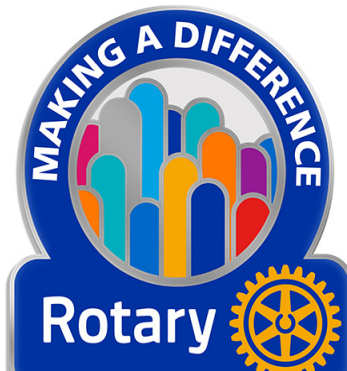


In 2009, a German scientist named Jan Souman took a group of subjects out to empty parking lots and open fields, blindfolded them, and instructed them to walk in a straight line. Some of them managed to keep to a straight course for ten or twenty paces; a few lasted for 50 or a hundred. But in the end, all of them wound up circling back toward their points of origin. Not most of them. Every last one of them. "And they had no idea," Dr. Souman told NPR. "They were thinking that they were walking in a straight line all the time." Dr. Souman's research team explored every imaginable explanation. Some people turned to the right while others turned to the left, but the researchers could find no discernible pattern. As a group, neither left-handed nor right-handed subjects demonstrated any predisposition for turning one way more than the other; nor did subjects tested for either right- or left-brain dominance. The team even tried gluing a rubber sole to the bottom of one shoe to make one leg longer than the other. It didn't make any difference at all. No matter how determined they were to go straight, they quickly began to go in peculiar looping circles in one direction or the other. (Goldson, Yonason. "Proverbial Beauty." Timewise Press, 2015, p. 136.)

This tendency can happen to an individual in terms of their purpose and mission in life. It also is a tendency that can be traced in any organization with regard to its mission. When one goes sideways from the mission, then the

organization ends up focused on maintenance and money. When maintenance and money becomes the primary focus of the organization, momentum is lost. When momentum is lost, monotony sets in and often the leaders then look back to the past "glory" days of the organization ("We used to have. . . we used to do . . .") and start focusing on who is to blame for the loss. The tendency is to then begin tinkering with restructuring, reorganizing, and/or replacing leadership, thinking that these changes will recover momentum. It seldom does because the problem is rooted in a forgotten Mission. What is Momentum? Dr. John Maxwell, leadership guru, defines it in a formula: "The attitude of the leader + the atmosphere of the organization + the accomplishments of the people = MOMENTUM." The MISSION becomes the catalyst for attitude, atmosphere and accomplishments.

In the last year we as a Rotary Club stated our Mission Statement: "We change the world and our community by: educating,empowering;buildingbridges;and serving across generations, one community at a time." Focusing on this Mission, I applaud what I sense is a growing momentum among our club members in invitingnewmemberstojoinus,in focusing on Service Above Self and developing leaders for the future. As we do, the money will follow and we will continue to make a real difference in the world! Thank you for continuing to rise to the challenge!



February 16, 2018

*This Week's Program:*

Siobhan Spain  
Mainframe Studios

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Wendi Wilson

Invocation:

Penny Luthens

Sergeant:

LeAnn Auxier

Scribe:

Randy Taber

### 2017-18 Officers & Directors

Leray Glendenning, President

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Kasey Vogel, Public Image

Beth Goedken, Programs

Brenda A-M, Past President

### Future Programs

2/23: Matthew Wash  
"The Good Governor"

3/2: Kent Nebel  
Iowa Medical Board

3/9: Mark McAndrews  
Rotary Youth Exchange

## 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

### NCPETS Conference

March 8-10, 2018 in Rochester, MN.

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

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## This & That

### Seven Month Club Check-Up

As of February 9 our Club has completed 11 of 25 projected service projects, logged 952 of a projected goal of 1000 hours of volunteer service in the community and district, donated \$9300 in cash and \$2800 in goods and services! Way to go team! Keep up the good work! You are making a difference!

## Scribbles...

### Deputy Robert P. Schulte Marshal Service

Our speaker last week was Deputy Robert P. Schulte of the U.S. Marshall Service, and a dear friend of fellow Rotarian Doyle Sanders. Deputy Schulte gave us a historical, and organizational background of the U. S. Marshall Service; as well as an outline of the mission of the U.S. Marshall Service.

The U.S. Marshall Service is made up of 94 offices, 218 sub-offices, and 3 foreign offices. The nearly 330 offices have 3,843 officers, 1,473 administrative officers in U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Mariana islands, and the District of Columbia.

Since 1789 the U.S. Marshalls have been presidentially appointed, and have the following seven mission operations: 1. Judicial Security - they are present at all court proceedings, and protect the Supreme Court Justices. 2. Fugitive Operations - in charge of finding escaped prisoners. 3. Asset Forfeitures - they sell criminals assets for victim restitution. 4. Prisoner Operations - Federal Prisons. 5. Witness Security/Protection Program (WITSEC) - since 1971. 6. Justice Prisoner/Alien Transportation Program (JPATP) - moves an average of 120,00 prisoners a year. 7. Special Operations Group - for tactical operations.

It was a very informative presentation by Deputy Schulte, and gives all of us security knowing these professionals are there for us all everyday! We thank them all for their service.

Bill Grask, Scribe



## Future Information



### Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Feb 23 - "The Good Governor"	TBA	Jim Lipscomb	Dianne Downing-Nelson	Roger Nyberg
Mar 2 - IA Medicaid Board	Laura Holmes	Joe Kobes	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski	Ed Arnold
Mar 9 - Rotary Youth Exchange	LeAnn Auxier	Dan Boes	Bob Moore	Penny Luthens
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