



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



The Four-Way Test has stood the test of time as the centerpiece of Rotary's ethical practice. It begins with acknowledging that every interaction must be based on truth. But the admission of the other three tests seeks to qualify that truth alone is not necessarily fair

to all concerned, nor useful in building better friendships, nor is it beneficial to all. Thus our own Rotarian and Membership Chair Ed Arnold is right when he says, "Out of the four tests, the easiest is the first, to tell the truth." I would agree with this when it comes to telling the truth about others. However, when it comes to one's self it is not always so easy to tell yourself the truth about yourself. Often the truth about ourselves eludes us at the deepest levels and thus jeopardizes the fairness, the goodwill and the benefit to others.

Author Parker Palmer provides an example of this very thing. He tells of being offered

the opportunity to become the President of a small educational institution. He was certain the job was for him, but he decided to honor the tradition of the Quaker community, which is to call on a dozen trusted friends to engage in a "clearness committee," a process in which "the group refrains from giving you advice but spends three hours asking you honest, open questions to help you discover your own inner truth." Initially the questions were easy, until someone simply asked, "What would you like most about being a president?" Palmer writes: "The simplicity of that question loosed me from my head and lowered me into my heart." He pondered the question and then began to speak about the things he would not like such as giving up his writing and teaching. Gently but firmly, the inquirer interrupted to remind Palmer that the original question was, "What you would most like?" After several rounds of this litany, he gave an honest answer that came from the bottom of the barrel of his heart . . . an answer that appalled even him. "Well," he said, in

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Scribbles...

Matthew Wash "The Good Governor"

The February 23, 2018 meeting of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was very informative on several levels. We were privileged to induct Patrick Arthur into our Club. Patrick was sponsored by his father, Jim Arthur, and based on Patrick's two-minute speech, he will be a very fine addition to Northwest DM Rotary. Doyle Sanders then presented next level Paul Harris Fellowships to John Pittman, David Crandall, and Wyatt Earp. Congratulations and thank you!

A very interesting Sergeant's session was provided by Dianne Downing-Nelson. We discovered (were reminded) that our Club has some very interesting, active and talented members. From mountain climbers, barrel racers, three time pinewood derby winner, members that still own their first cars, and

other interesting facts this writer can't remember.

Our speaker, Matthew Walsh, author of the book, *The Good Governor*, gave a short history of the Tai Dam people, and why Governor Robert D. Ray is widely respected for his compassion and efforts in assisting in the relocation of an oppressed ethnic minority. The Tai Dam are predominantly from Northwest Vietnam and Laos. The Indochina War caused their lives to be disrupted, and they fled their homeland to Thailand. Eventually, through the efforts started by Governor Ray in 1975, many were resettled to Iowa. Today, more Tai Dam live in Iowa than anywhere outside of Asia.



Ed Arnold, Scribe

March 2, 2018

This Week's Program:

Kent Nebel
Iowa Medicaid Board

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Laura Holmes

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Jenifer M-K

Scribe:

Ed Arnold

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Beth Goedken, Programs

Brenda A-M, Past President

Future Programs

3/9: Mark McAndrews
Rotary Youth Exchange

3/16: David Piersel &
K. Reynolds
Terrace Hill Piano

3/23: Patrice Petersen-Keys
& Cindy Lentz – Polk
County Conservation

Prez Sez continued...

This & That

the smallest voice he possessed, "I guess what I'd like most is getting my picture in the paper with the word president under it." The seasoned inquirers, though knowing the answer to be amusing, did not laugh for they knew that Palmer's soul was at stake. A long serious silence ensued which was broken by one of the men who cracked open Palmer's soul and cracked up all those present. "Parker," he said, "Can you think of an easier way to get your picture in the paper?" Parker called the school and withdrew his name from consideration. Had he taken that job, the truth would not have been fair to all concerned, nor for the goodwill of all and certainly not beneficial to all. Perhaps the Four-Way Test actually the Three Way Test applied to the real truth! (*Palmer, Parker. "Let Your Life Speak" Jossey-Bass, 2000, pp. 45-46*)

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, May 6

This promises to be the biggest ever Mayor's Bike Ride. This year the ride will begin and end at Delta Dental and it will include a partnership with Complete Streets, with the City of Urbandale. To make this event the best ever, we are seeking sponsorships from individuals and area businesses. In the next few weeks we will have a list of businesses which have sponsored this ride in the past and/or which are prospects for sponsorship this year. Here is the challenge: Is there a business or friend in your life that you would be willing to give a brochure and ask for a \$250 or \$500 sponsorship? The proceeds of this event go to benefit the City of Urbandale through Rotary projects. Pick up a brochure at the next meeting and the list of prospective sponsors. Thank you for your assistance!

Rotary Quick Pics!



President Leray with Paul Harris Award recipients; Wyatt Earp, John Pittman, and David Crandall, and Doyle Sanders, Foundation Comm.
AND

President, Leray hanging out with Josh the Baby Otter from the water safety & awareness project!

Upcoming Events

NCPETS Conference

March 8-10, 2018 in Rochester, MN.

Grant Management Seminar

Mar 23 - 5:00 - 8:00 PM Newton DMACC campus.

District Training Assembly

March 24 - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Newton DMACC campus

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

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Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Mar 9 - Rotary Youth Exchange	TBA	Joe Kobes	Bob Moore	Penny Luthens
Mar 16 - Terrace Hill Piano	Bob Moore	Jim Arthur	Roger Nyberg	Joe Kobes
Mar 23 - Polk County Conservation	Kasey Vogel	Brenda Auxier-Mailey	John Pittman	Dan Boes

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!
Email that information to lglandenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercer-klimowski@emcnl.com.



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Bonus Scribe Report

Siobhan Spain Mainframe Studios



Our speaker at the meeting of February 16 was Siobhan Spain, Director of Mainframe Studios. Mainframe Studios is a 160,000 square foot building located at 900 Keosauqua Way (the former Qwest building). It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving as a new national model for providing permanent affordable workspace for artists of all disciplines. The Founder and President is Justin Mandelbaum. The organization opened its doors last October 17, 2017, after 7 years of planning, to unveil three of its five floors, welcoming over 65 artists representing 24 disciplines.

The building will be completed in phases. Phase-1 is complete and includes the lower level, main floor and fourth floor. Second and third floors will be completed one-at-a-time over the next year and a half. Full occupancy is expected in 2019.

Justin Mandelbaum co-founded Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, Massachusetts. This once-vacant mill building complex is now home to the largest artist community on the East Coast. With 250 studios, 50 live/work lofts and over 300 artists, it covers 250,000 square feet. Mainframe Studios is a project of similar scale for Des Moines without a residential component. A demand study was conducted that described a non-profit mission of creating “permanent affordable space for the local arts.” The study demonstrated that Des Moines has a robust artist community and that there is a strong demand for permanent affordable workspace.

In addition to the artists’ workspaces, Mainframe has a commercial kitchen and meeting/ function area.

Mainframe Studio’s self-sustaining business eliminates the need for annual fundraising. Initial fundraising is essential for establishing their vision by supporting building acquisition and renovation costs. Then, the below-market rents are priced to cover operating expenses and a reserve fund, with remaining rental income contributing to an endowment. Rents range from \$175 to \$350 per month.

Mainframe also sponsors an after-hours open house the first Friday of every month. The next event will be this Friday, March 2, from 5 -8 p.m.:

**first
friday**

february 2, 2018
5-8pm

open studio event
dogs, brats, + chili
by tangerine food co.

Visit them on Facebook and at
<http://mainframestudios.org>

*Our thanks to Siobhan Spain for an
interesting introduction to this new enhancement
to our community.*