



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



"Rotary is weird. Rotarians are old, mostly. They sing songs and say the Pledge of Allegiance before meetings. They tell lame jokes." Those were the thoughts of 32 year-old Dominick Bonny when he was invited to his first Rotary meeting by 83 year-old Earl

Tilly. But he soon learned that Rotarians also organize highway trash cleanups, blood drives, and literacy fairs, raise money for students to study abroad, and open their homes to foreign students studying here. He was further impressed by their fixation on eradicating polio. Though Dominick did not see a lot of faces his age, he could not escape the higher value of the Rotary mindset of Service Above Self and began to feel at home.

As the manager of a social media and marketing company Dominick's job is to monitor comments from the public which, as he describes it, put his "in a quagmire of social media where people say awful, malicious things." Dominick found a refreshing opportunity to unplug from that and find in Rotary a neutral space where he could

gather with other people with different perspectives and focus on what really matters – making the world a better place.

Dominick recalls that there were early challenges when he first joined Rotary. He went through a period when he first joined. He tried to update the social media and build a new website for the club hoping to gain the interest of his peers. It was slow going but Dominick stuck to his commitment. Eventually is all paid off both from him and the club. Dominick is proud to say that his club is now almost half younger people and their lunch meetings now have a "bit of urgency since not everyone is retired anymore." Dominick admits that "to most young people, Rotary is old-fashioned. But for me, that's what makes it cool. People in my peer group tend to isolate themselves. We are connected by technology, but not truly connected. Rotary is my antidote to that." How did this happen? Because Earl Tilly reached out with an invitation to Dominick and refused to believe everything he heard about Millennials. The values of Rotary can transcend the barriers of age! Is there a Millennial in your circle of contacts waiting for your invitation?

Did You Know?

Women In Rotary

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, CA, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.



DON'T FORGET: Our next regular Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 20, at the Urbandale Library Conference Room at 5:00 PM

March 16, 2018

This Week's Program:

David Piersel &
K. Reynolds
Terrace Hill Piano

Arranged By:

David Piersel

Greeter:

Bob Moore

Invocation:

Jim Arthur

Sergeant:

Roger Nyberg

Scribe:

Joe Kobes

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Future Programs

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

3/30: Marty Lester
Mentor Iowa

4/6: Kristi Knous
Community Foundation of
Greater DSM

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

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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This & That

A Business Friend . . . a Brochure . . . and Invitation

We need your help in gaining additional sponsors for the Mayor's Bike Ride on May 6. 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. Consider taking a brochure and inviting a business friend to consider a minimum \$250 or \$500 sponsorship. The proceeds of this event go to benefit the city of Urbandale through projects. Thank you for your assistance!

Have you registered for the Toast to Rotary event on April 14 at the Marriott in West Des Moines? Do it today!

It's Almost Spring & Time to Ride! Bikes Are Still Needed Around the World!

Join us to put **The Power of Bicycles** into the hands of students, healthcare workers and entrepreneurs!

HELP NOW!!!
MORE BIKES NEEDED!!



Mobilize friends & co-workers to help empower a world where distance is no longer a barrier to independence & livelihood.

Chuck would be so proud the number of bikes that have been donated...but let's do more!! Join other Rotary Members and donate \$147 to purchase a Buffalo Bicycle to honor our good friend Chuck!



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Mar23 - Polk County Conservation	Kasey Vogel	Brenda Auxier-Mailey	John Pittman	Dan Boes
Mar - 30 - Mentor Iowa	Roger Nyberg	Dianne Downing-Nelson	Brad Helgemo	Bill Corwin
April 6 - Community Foundation	Ed Arnold	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski	Bill Grask	Jim Arthur
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