



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



It is the week in which the Final Four are preparing for their games. The future of coaches and players is on the line. The investments of money and energy are visible. But sometimes, the greatest influences may not be so visible and obvious. The story is told of

a coach who had some impressive accomplishments in building teams that led him to forty consecutive basketball season with at least twenty wins, five national championships, number one ranking in his region in twenty of a thirty-three year run and a lifetime winning percentage of .870. His name is Morgan Wooten. Most people have never heard of him. Why? Because he is a high school basketball coach. He would not make the first list of the greatest coaches in history and yet when John Wooden, the Wizard of Westwood and UCLA coach was asked about Morgan, he responded: "People say that Morgan is the best high school coach in the country. I disagree. I know of no finer coach at any level-high school, college or pro. . . ." The dynasty that Morgan built at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Maryland became known not for only its victories but also for the character of the players as team players. Penn State assistant coach, Chuck Swenson summed this up: "Even if you know a kid isn't a great player, if he's a DeMatha player, he'll help your program." Morgan learned the secret that an

investment in a team or project at one level can compound over time to make an exponential difference.

So it is with the World Relief Bicycle Project that Rotary has participated in this year. What set out to be a project to assist school children to attend school, make possible the extended reach of rural physicians and help farmers get products to market, has had an unexpected impact on a critical need in much of our world. . . access to water sources. One out of ten people in the world are living without access to clean, drinkable water. The bicycles being provided by Rotary have made a huge impact on this problem. With bicycles, individuals can carry 5x as much weight in just 25% of the time. For those who must collect water every day, bicycles provide faster access to water sources and essential carrying capacity. Because of the investment for other causes, the impact has been extended to meet needs in ways not previously thought of in these areas. So as we celebrated World Water Day last week on March 22, we can also celebrate the difference our gifts of bicycles make in helping to solve yet another problem. By the way, there is still time to give to the World Bicycle Relief project in honor of Chuck Corwin. Whether with basketballs or bicycles, we are reminded once again that when we invest in helping people, that investment may very well have a much broader impact than ever dreamed. It is what Dr. John Maxwell calls the Law of the Dividends!

Scribbles...

Lewis Major Polk County Conservation

The Rotary Club of NW Des Moines was privileged to host Lewis Major as our speaker. He provided the Club an overview of the duties and responsibilities of Polk County Conservation Board as well as highlighted several county parks. In 1956, the voters cast ballots in favor of having a Conservation Board in all 99 counties. The primary areas of focus for these boards are outdoor recreation, environmental education, and natural resource protection. It should be noted that not all parks are under the jurisdiction of the Polk County Conservation Board. They oversee the 20 county parks located in Polk County.



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March 30, 2018

This Week's Program:

Marty Lester

Mentor Iowa

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Roger Nyberg

Invocation:

Dianne D-Nelson

Sergeant:

Brad Helgemo

Scribe:

Jim Arthur

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Future Programs

4/6: Kristi Knous
Community Foundation of
Greater DSM

4/13: TBA

4/20: Martin & Cezi
Glendenning
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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

A Toast to Rotary
 April 14 - West Des Moines Marriott
 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

The 8th Annual Mayor's Bike Ride
 Sunday, May 6

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

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This & That

Speaking of Bicycles



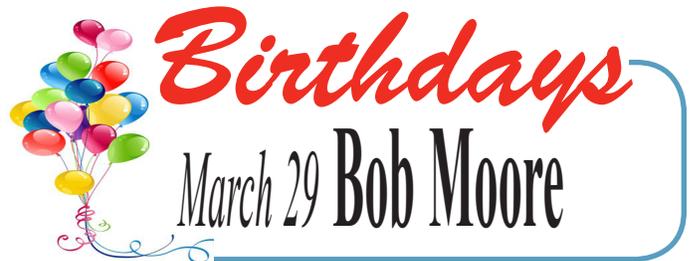
The preparation for the Mayor's Bike Ride on May 6 is in full swing! Thank you for the investment you are making that will impact many lives in Urbandale and beyond. You can help by contacting businesses, friends and colleagues to sign up as sponsors or sign-up to visit area Rotary Clubs to promote the Bike Ride and sell raffle tickets, donate to the Bike Ride, invite

friends and neighbors to ride or plan to volunteer for operating the Mayor's Bike Ride. Pick up some brochures and/or posters, today. Let's make the investment and see how far it reaches!



Don't Forget!

Our next Rotary Board meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at the Urbandale Library 5:00 PM.



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
April 6 - Community Foundation	Ed Arnold	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski	Bill Grask	Bill Corwin
April 13 - TBA	Penny Luthens	Diana Reed	Wyatt Earp	Brenda AM
April 20 - Syrian Refugees	Jim Lipscomb	Marv Johnson	Beth Goedken	Dianne D-Nelson

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 - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com.



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This & That

Scribe Report continued...

Lewis went on to highlight the following parks:

Brown's Woods - This area is Iowa's largest urban forest preserve; it offers more than four miles of trails to explore. This 486-acre forest in West Des Moines features a canopy of oak and hickory trees stretching from Brown's Woods Drive to the Raccoon River.

Chichaqua Bottoms - The greenbelt stretches for almost ten miles along the Skunk River in north-east Polk County. Chichaqua's recreational facilities include electric and non-electric campsites, bird blind, canoe rental, picnic areas, rental lodge, hiking trails, trap shooting range, wildlife viewing platform, dog training area, and waterfowl hunting blinds.

Easter Lake - Undergoing a massive improvement project currently. The lake has been drained and is being dredged.

Fort Des Moines - This 135-acre park rests on a portion of the former cavalry post established on Army Post Road in 1903. Its centerpiece is a deep 14-acre lake, but the park also features three picnic shelters, a children's playground, an outdoor classroom, and an arboretum.

Jester Park - This park has been one of central Iowa's favorite outdoor playgrounds since 1958. This 1,675-acre park on the western shore of Saylorville Lake offers camping, picnicking, and golfing.

Thomas Mitchell - A tall, wooded ridge is the most prominent natural feature of this 179-acre park south of Mitchellville.

Yellow Banks - Resting on high bluffs overlooking the Des Moines River, Yellow Banks Park offers some of the most outstanding scenery in central Iowa. This 598-acre park features a 60-unit campground, three picnic shelters, 5-acre pond, and a boat ramp on the Des Moines River.

Scribe, Dan Boes

WE STILL NEED BIKES!

Have you got yours?

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

World Bicycle Relief builds & distributes locally assembled bicycles through study-to-own and work-to-own programs.

Join other Rotary Members and donate \$147 to purchase a Buffalo Bicycle to honor our good friend Chuck!

