



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



Nate Stephenson's research brought him to a hypothesis that was worthy of involving thirty-seven scientists from sixteen nations. As a forest ecologist he, with his colleagues, had always known that trees stopped growing both in height and girth. After examining nearly 700,000 trees that had been in long-term studies, Stephenson's research team discovered that indeed it was true . . . that old trees do stop getting taller. But to their great surprise they discovered that older trees do not stop growing in mass. Furthermore, they discovered that this growth was not the tree equivalent of an aging human group with beer guts, but more like active, healthy, bodybuilders. As Stephenson described it, "It's as if, on your favorite sports team, you find out the star players are a bunch of 90-year-olds, and they're the most active. They're the ones scoring the most points. That's an important thing to know." (Harris, NPR) Therefore, to plant a tree is not merely to provide for the absorption of carbon from the environment, releasing

oxygen, cooling the air, improving soil quality and providing habitat and food for birds for the future, but to do it with strength. To this end Rotary International President Ian Riseley has challenged our clubs to plant a tree for every member before the end of this Rotary year.

In a few weeks we will be sharing with the Club the opportunities available to our members to accomplish this goal. One of the first questions to consider is, "Have you planted at least one tree since July, 2017?" If you have you will be able to report that in the coming weeks and it will count toward our goal of a tree planted for every member. If you have not yet planted a tree in the past year, you will be receiving information about several options. If you want additional information about this international project or about some suggestions for types of trees to plant, consult the April 2018 issue of *The Rotarian* magazine. It is the year of the tree in Rotary as we get back to roots! Richard Harris, "An Old Tree Doesn't Get Taller, But Bulks Up Like A Bodybuilder," NPR (1-16-14)



Scribbles...

Kristi Knous Community Foundation of Greater DSM

We welcomed our next President, Penny Luthens, back to the meeting. This week, we were able to offer our condolences for her father's passing. It was very nice to see her back, she was missed. During rotations, she shared with us a joke her father liked to tell. Do yourself a favor and ask her to tell it when you see her, it was a good one.

We had several announcements at the meeting this week. Larry Sample announced we would serve a meal at CFUM Monday, April 23rd, and we are looking for volunteers. Joe Kobes announced we have planned one more week of Bike Ride raffle ticket sales at the clubs and we are looking for sign-ups for that. The members who have visited the other clubs have had good success. We are going to hand

out sign-ups for the various positions needed during the ride, shortly. Again, the Date is May 6th. If you want to have your tickets billed to you, let Joe know and he will instruct the Treasurer to bill you. Leray announced this is the last call for A Toast to Rotary. Sunday, April 8th is the last day to register.

Bill Grask served as Sergeant; he thanked the Club for all the kind words and condolences offered to him, as his father also recently passed away. He had a topic near and dear to his heart and very timely: the Masters Golf Tournament. His time was filled with many great Masters trivia items, and even some Des Moines connections.

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April 13, 2018

This Week's Program:

Kim Heidemann

Iowa Sister States

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Penny Luthens

Invocation:

Diana Reed

Sergeant:

Wyatt Earp

Scribe:

Brenda AM

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Future Programs

4/20: Martin & Cezi
Glendenning
Syrian Refuges / Education

4/27: A J Johnson
Report on Urbandale

5/4: Mike Schoville
Update - IA Small Business

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

Monday, April 23

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:

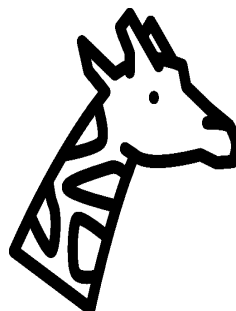
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More Rotary

Mark Your Calendars

Posters are out, Club visits are in full swing and the sponsors are responding for the Seventh Annual Mayor's Bike Ride on Sunday, May 6. Continue to sell tickets and invite your friends and family to register for the ride. Register online at <https://urbandalenetwork.org>



Tuesday, May 29 we will take a walk on the wild side at the Blank Park Zoo for our Spring Social outing! There will be a social hour, with dinner to follow and an opportunity to tour the zoo exhibits. More details will follow.

Our Condolences
 to the Grask Family on the
 passing of Bill Grask's father.
 May beauty live on in your
 memories and bring you peace.



Next Rotary Board Meeting:
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 20 - Syrian Refugees	Jim Lipscomb	Marv Johnson	Beth Goedken	Dianne D-Nelson
April 27 - Report on Urbandale	Joe Kobes	Larry Sample	A.J. Johnson	Jenifer MK
May 4 - IA Small Business	Dan Boes	Randy Taber	Brenda Auxier-Mailey	Jim Lipscomb
<p><i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Leray by finding your substitute! Email that information to lglendenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com.</p>				



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This & That

Scribe Report continued...

Our Speaker was Kirsti Knous, the President of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. Beth arranged the program, and said she was very curious about the Foundation and that is what drew her to ask Kristi to come. During her introduction, Beth said she has speakers scheduled through mid-June, but if people have suggestions for speakers she would appreciate the assistance from the group.

Kristi opened her talk by describing her organization as a savings account for charitable giving, with tax benefits. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for all by promoting charitable giving, connecting donors with causes they care about, and providing leadership on important community issues...we're simply better together. The Foundation began in 1969 as the Des Moines Community foundation and was housed in the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. In 1992 it became its own entity and hired Monroe Colston as its first President. Kristi has been with the Foundation for 16 years and became President in 2011. The Foundation administers over 1800 charitable giving funds today. Those funds have \$560,000,000.00 in combined assets, and they gave out \$42,000,000.00 in grants last year. All of those were in Iowa and many in the Des Moines Area. It took in \$76,000,000.00 in donations last year and that was a huge year for the Foundation. It works with individuals and families and corporations with all sizes of accounts. The Foundation has no minimum amount for opening an account; this is a unique offering for the Foundation. It can also serve as a nonprofit for community betterment projects such as the Principal River Walk, and the Grays Lake Project, to just name two. Many people start their accounts with cash, but the Foundation can take in property, or other tangible assets with value can be used to start a fund. Kristi gave some details about tax reform and charitable giving. She pointed out that Iowa's 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit program is not affected by the Federal Tax reform. The Foundation is very well-versed in helping people take advantage of this program, and may be the only way to access this program. (The IRA rollover directly to your charitable fund is also still available to assist in giving with the least exposure to taxes.) She described many programs and success stories that the Foundation has been involved in over the years. It was clear though the statistics Kristi shared and the stories she told that this Foundation is a unique asset we have here in Iowa. Its people are also available to assist anyone with setting up a fund to allow for sustained charitable giving in Iowa. The comments and questions asked made it clear that many in the Club had no knowledge of this local organization that is assisting in much good being done in our community. You can learn more about it by visiting the website at www.desmoinesfoundation.org or calling at Phone: 515-883-2626

Scribe Bill D. Corwin

It's Feeling More Like Spring!

GET A BIKE!

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!