



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



One of my very first experiences with running a business was in Jr. High School in Clearwater, Kansas. I started a lawn mowing enterprise. For a small town of 2500 population, getting from one mowing job to the next did not require traveling a great distance. But

even then it did take some effort to push the mower up and down the sidewalks, or in some cases the gravel streets on the edge of town. I will not soon forget the great improvement in my business when I received my first bicycle. I discovered that I could ride the bike with one hand while pulling the mower with the other hand behind the bike. What a difference it made! I could do several more lawns in an evening after school and before dark. Soon I was able to save enough money to upgrade to a ten-speed bicycle.

What I experienced as a youngster, as exciting as it was, does not begin to compare to the needs in a place like rural Zambia where poverty and HIV/AIDS rates are high. The absence of physicians causes the much needed medical care to fall on Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). These caregivers must walk to their patients' homes, which can add up to many miles per day.

Royce is one such CHV in rural Zambia who takes care of sick adults and children in her

village and nearby. Royce recalls that she has had a passion for helping people from a very young age. As a CHV her days were incredibly full. She would have to arise before dawn to do her own household chores before walking for miles to reach her patients. Limited by time and the distance she could only see up to four patients in a single day. But then her life changed drastically when she received a Buffalo Bicycle.

She was able to more than quadruple the number of patients than she could see in one day. It has been estimated that one Buffalo Bike has an impact on five different persons.



Therefore, it is no small thing that our Club, along with 66 other clubs in District 6000, has responded to Governor Mike Ruby's leadership and raised \$275,000 to provide 1,870 bikes to people like Royce in the past ten months. This has been increased in the past weekend at the A Toast to Rotary events held across Iowa. It is also a great privilege to have Bill Corwin, Sr. be selected to represent District 6000 in receiving the Trailblazer Award from World Bicycle Relief. The impact is truly making a difference in the lives of many in Zambia!

Scribbles...

Kim Heidemann Iowa Sister States

The April 13, 2018 meeting of the Rotary of Northwest Des Moines started off with President Leray Glendenning telling a tax joke, followed by singing, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four Way Test, a prayer, and the announcements of our Club serving a meal at CFUM on April 23rd, the Spring Social scheduled for May 30th at the Des Moines Zoo, and the upcoming celebration on June 8th of Marv Johnson being in Rotary for 50

years. Wyatt Earp served as Sergeant, asking Iowa Trivia questions and Wendy Wilson was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Our speaker was Kassi Bailey, International Program Manager for Iowa Sister States. Kassi shared with our group that Iowa Sister States is a volunteer-driven non-profit organization based in Des Moines, Iowa.

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April 20, 2018

This Week's Program:

**Martin & Cezi
Glendenning**
Syrian Refugees/Education

Arranged By:

Leray Glendenning

Greeter:

Jim Lipscomb

Invocation:

Marv Johnson

Sergeant:

Beth Goedken

Scribe:

Dianne D-Nelson

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Beth Goedken, Programs

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Future Programs

4/27: A J Johnson
Report on Urbandale

5/4: Mike Schoville
Update - IA Small Business

5/11: Bart Quick
VA Hospital

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

**Spring Social - Blank Park Zoo
Wednesday, May 30**

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>

Wednesday, May 30 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 and with heavy appetizers to follow and an opportunity to tour the zoo exhibits. More details will follow.

Rotary Trailblazer

Bill W. Corwin and Mary Beth Johnson from World Bicycle Relief. Bill accepted the Trailblazer award for District 6000 from World Bicycle Relief.



The annual Trailblazer Award honors an individual or in the case of Rotary an organization which has challenged conventional thinking around the complex issues of poverty, social justice and access while illuminating a new path forward with innovative and bold ideas that have the power to transform millions of lives.

*With Deepest Sympathy
to the Sanders Family
on the passing of Doyle Sanders brother.
When you lose someone you love,
you gain an angel you know.*

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
April 27 - Report on Urbandale	Joe Kobes	Jim Lipscomb	A.J. Johnson	Ed Arnold
May 4 - IA Small Business	Dan Boes	Randy Taber	Brenda Auxier-Mailey	Larry Sample
May 11 - VA Hospital	Bill Corwin	Doyle Sanders	Dianne D-Nelson	Jim Arthur
<p><i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!</p> <p>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...

The organization's mission is to build sustainable international partnerships around the world. Currently Iowa Sister States manages official relationships with nine international partners: Cherkassy Oblast, Ukraine; Hebei Province, China; Kosovo; Stravropol Krai, Russia; Taiwan; Terengganu, Malaysia; Vento Region, Italy; Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan; and Yucatan, Mexico. These partnerships are maintained through Iowa Sister States facilitating and hosting exchange programs.

Next month, fifty Iowa delegates will travel to Kosovo to take part in furthering the Iowa-Kosovo relationship in the areas of agriculture, business, education, culture (including AAU wrestling) and continuing the nurturing of the Iowa National Guard relationship. This trip, as with all trips, is paid for by those traveling; Iowa Sister States' responsibilities include setting up transportation, scheduling meetings with the delegates in Kosovo and facilitating follow-up.

As part of Kassi's talk she shared the history of the relationship between Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan and Iowa. This friendship began in 1959 when a typhoon raged through Yamanashi Prefecture. It caused great losses to human life, houses, livestock, and farm ground. When Iowa Sergeant Richard Thomas (who had vacationed in Yamanashi while stationed in Japan) heard about this disaster, he asked the people of Iowa to help the people of Yamanashi. As a result, Iowans donated thirty-six breeding hogs to Yamanashi to encourage their recovery. Today, the best pork in Japan comes from the inter-breeding of Yamanashi and Iowa pigs. This act of humanity and goodwill began the first of many exchanges between Iowa and Yamanashi. Over the years, Iowa and Yamanashi have participated in exchanges in education, art, music, aging, agriculture and sports.



Want to learn more about Iowa Sister States? Visit their website at www.iowa-sisterstates.org

Scribe, Brenda Auxier-Mailey

It's Feeling More Like Spring!

GET A BIKE!

Join us to put
The Power of Bicycles
into the hands of students,
healthcare workers & 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 Bi-
cycle to honor
our good
friend Chuck!

