



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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## Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



Fifty years ago, the *Andy Griffith Show* was the number one television show, followed in order by *The Lucy Show*, *Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C.* and *Gunsmoke*. *Rolling Stone* magazine began publication, selling 5,000 copies of the first issue. For the first time, you

could munch on Pringles potato chips while punching numbers into your first handheld calculator and listening to the number one hit song, *To Sir With Love* by LuLu. Then you could wash down the chips with a half-gallon of Tropicana Orange Juice for only forty-nine cents. And if Pringles chips were considered not good for the future of the heart, you were in luck for your future because in late 1967, the first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christian Barnard in South Africa. Fifty years ago, the first automatic cash machine was installed in the office of the Barclays Bank in Enfield, England. The Big Movies of the day included *The Jungle Book*, *The Graduate* and *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. Elvis Presley married Priscilla in Las Vegas. O.J. Simpson was a running back for the University of Southern California and the Boston Celtics' Bill Russell and 76er's Wilt Chamberlain were battling for the ball the NBA playoffs in Boston Garden. Fifty years

ago, Sammy Davis Jr., sang along with Diana Ross & The Supremes on *Hollywood Palace*. The prototype of the Concorde supersonic aircraft sat on the tarmac in Toulouse, France, promising to drastically cut intercontinental travel time.

It was also a dark time in American history as protests erupted around the world against the Vietnam War. Race riots destroyed parts of Detroit and other northern cities. On the international stage, the nation of Israel fought a bitter battle against Egypt, Jordan, and Syria with a slim chance of victory. Providence intervened and the Israelis won what was known as the Six- Day War.

In the midst all of these inventions, events and experiences of history a bright young man getting established in his career of veterinary medicine walked into a Rotary Club seeking to make difference in the world and to be of service above self, not only to animals but also to humanity. He found not only opportunities for service, but also a vast fellowship of like-minded professionals with whom to build lasting life-long friendships. Since 1978, we, as a Club have benefited from this friendship of our fellow Rotarian, Marv Johnson. It therefore fitting that this week that we celebrate Marv's fifty years as a Rotarian! We are grateful for his friendship and his service to Rotary.

## Scribbles...

### Leann Auxier Josh the Baby Otter

For several years, our Club has supported the "Josh the Baby Otter" Water Safety Program, run by our own LeAnn Auxier, at Urbandale Parks and Recreation. We have provided funding for scholarships and dressed in the mascot costume or otherwise helped with personal appearances.

This program is designed to keep children safe around the water and to prevent accidental drowning of children. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, drowning is the #1 cause of accidental death

in children under the age of 5 years old, and the second leading cause of death in children under the age of 14 (second to the #1 cause:

car accidents). The program promotes the belief that through early childhood education, we can teach our children that they should NEVER BE AROUND THE WATER WITHOUT AN ADULT.

The mascot, Josh the Otter, was created to help teach this message in a fun way that  
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June 8, 2018

### This Week's Program:



Marv Johnson

#### Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

#### Greeter:

Jim Lipscomb

#### Invocation:

Randy Taber

#### Sergeant:

Dianne D-Nelson

#### Scribe:

Brenda AM

### 2017-18 Officers & Directors

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### Future Programs

6/15: Emma Simmons  
US Committee for  
Refugees & Immigrants

6/22: Andrea White  
Orchard Place

6/29: Jim Swanstrom  
CFUM

## Scribe Continued...

children understand and can get excited about. The children's book, Josh the Baby Otter, is a story about a young otter who learns to float on his back in the water by being taught by his mother. He also is never in or near the water without his mother or a buddy.

The children's book comes with a CD, which includes an audio read of the entire book, a sing-along song, an audio read of the "Water Safety Pledge, and a PowerPoint presentation of the book, in case it is being presented/read to a large audience. In addition, every participating child gets a Josh the Baby Otter coloring book and sticker, to further reinforce this message and remind the children of what they learned from Josh.

This program is widely supported by Rotary; if you google "Josh the Baby Otter" you will find many, many stories about Rotary clubs across the country making presentations and supporting the program. Way to go, Rotarians!!



## Upcoming Events

**CFUM**

Monday, June 25th

**Installation Dinner**

Wednesday, July 11

Christophers - 2816 Beaver Avenue - 6:00 PM

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

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## More Rotary

### Have You Dug Your Hole Yet?

Rotary International President Ian Riseley has challenged us in this past year to join over a million Rotarians in planting one tree per member. If you have not yet done so, there is time to do this before the Rotary year ends on June 30, 2018. A survey is available at the tables Friday to indicate that you have already planted a tree this year. If you have not yet done so, the flier has options for completing this goal. If you are not into digging holes and planting a tree, consider choosing one of the non-profit organizations listed on the flier and simply donate to them and they will plant a tree in your behalf. The goal is for a tree to be planted for every member in our Club by June 30, 2018. Thank you for your help in reaching this worthy goal!



Congratulations to the  
**Newlyweds!**



**Birthdays**  
May 27 Doyle Sanders  
June 1 Mark McAndrews

## Future Information



**Beth Goedken - Program Chair**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
June 15 - Emma Simmons	Joe Kobes	Doyle Sanders	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski	Jim Arthur
June 22 - Orchard Place	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor	Bill Grask	Larry Sample
June 29 - CFUM	Bill W. Corwin	Pat Arthur	Wyatt Earp	Randy Taber
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