

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



Ole Hallesby describes the process of mining as he knew it growing up in Norway. The lucrative business of extracting several valuable minerals from the belly of the Norwegian landscape required two basic kinds of actions to create the mine shafts. Long

periods of time are needed and during these periods of time are needed and during these periods Hallesby writes: ". . . deep holes are being bored with great effort into the hard rock." The depth was critical in order to reach the most strategic spots for removing the main body of rock. There were no shortcuts to the work, which required great patience, steadiness, and a great deal of skill. Eventually the holes were finished. The day was scheduled to insert the "shot" and connect a fuse. Hallesby continues: "To light the fuse and fire the shot is not only easy but also very interesting One sees 'results.' ... Shots resound, and pieces fly in every direction. . ", opening a tunnel below the surface in which production can begin. "Anyone can light a fuse," writes Hallesby. But to prepare for the effectiveness of the fuse, the more painstaking work of boring takes both skill and patient strength of character. (Adapted from Tim Keller (Dutton, 2014), page 137). This powerfully illustrates what is needed in the world of Rotary.

This week in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 24,000 Rotarians from 175 countries will

gather for the Rotary International Convention. They will celebrate the new theme: "Be the Inspiration!" Fuses of maximum inspiration will be lit through the prestige and energy of speakers like Former First Lady Laura Bush and HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne. It will be a memorable experience for all those attending.

Whether you are able to attend this convention or not, there is a vital role that we must all be aware of in the coming days. There must be more than these "fuse-lighting" events if Rotary is to harness the power and the inspiration of these high moments. The effectiveness of the inspiration generated is largely dependent on those in every club who are consistently committed to "boring" deep holes of character, integrity and compassion in their clubs and communities. Without this kind of "hole boring," the fuse of inspiration will be limited in opening the way to the caverns of effective service and thus easily succumbing to the grinding weekly pressures of routine. Governor Tom Narak and President Penny Luthens will, no doubt, bring back the inspiration from Toronto. And we must be ready to give attention to the tedious and skillful "hole-boring" that will prepare for the igniting of that inspiration that will support our new leaders as we enter a new year! Working together, the inspiration and the "hole-boring" will abound with results that will make a difference in the world and our communities for good!

Scribbles...

Josh The Otter Update!

At the June 15 meeting Ed Arnold made a great announcement about the Buffalo Bicycle initiative of the World Bicycle Relief. As you will recall, the Buffalo Bicycle is a rugged bike, designed to provide mobility and carry heavy loads in rural communities around the world. Ed's church community, the Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community (DMIEC) collected \$3,689 for this fund. Apparently, the World Bicycle Relief fund will match this amount. With the match, this will provide enough money for 50 bikes!

District 6000 will receive credit from Rotary International for the donation.



Bill W. Corwin followed on with an announcement that a bucket set out at the Mayor's Bike Ride for donation to the Buffalo Bike fund had raised about half enough for a bike. During and after the meeting, Club members stepped forward with donations enough to reach the amount required for a bike.

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June 22, 2018

This Week's Program:

Andrea White Orchard Place

Arranged By:
Beth Goedken
<u>Greeter:</u>
Dan Boes
<u>Invocation:</u>
Julia Taylor
<u>Sergeant:</u>
LeAnn Auxier
<u>Scribe:</u>
Larry Sample

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Future Programs

6/29: Jim Swanstrom CFUM

7/6: Chuck Long

7/11: Installation Dinner (July 13 - No Meeting)

7/20: Cindy Ray Aira glasses

Scribe Continued...

President Leray reminded us that there will be a "Passing of the Gavel" on Saturday, June 30, beginning at 2:00 pm. District Governor Mike Ruby will welcome Tom Narak as the incoming District Governor for 2018-2019. The event will take place at Shive-Hattery, Inc. in West Des Moines. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to tom.carol@msn.com by noon on June 23 if possible.

Because of illness, our scheduled speaker for the meeting was unable to be there. LeAnn Auxier stepped forward with an update on the Josh the Otter Water Safety & Awareness Project. LeAnn explained that the mission of this project is to educate children and adults worldwide about water safety through the utilization of drowning prevention campaigns & early childhood water safety training. She showed a very disturbing video illustrating how a child can drown even when there are adults all around.

Thanks to a \$1,000 contribution from the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, LeAnn was able to put on 55 water safety programs, reaching 1068 children. Each of the children received a booklet on water safety, which included a stamp indicating that it was donated by Northwest Des Moines Rotary. Several members of our Club, including Bill D. Corwin, Beth Goedken, Greg Hartley and Leray Glendenning, assisted in these presentations by wearing a "baby otter" costume.

Thanks LeAnn!

Scribe, Jim Arthur

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

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9,880 Pounds of Oxygen

Is what we, as a Club, have produced in the last year by planting thirty-eight trees. We have responded well to Rotary International President, Ian Riseley's challenge to plant 1.2 million trees. This is enough trees to provide oxygen for nineteen families of four. We have reached the goal of one tree per member as of June 15, 2018! If you would like to get in on this and take us over the goal, see the attached flier and act on it today and let us know how many trees you are planting or donating. Way to go, Club!



Upcoming Events

CFUM

Monday, June 25th

Installation Dinner

Wednesday, July 11 - Christophers 2816 Beaver Avenue - 6:00 PM



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair					
	<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
	June 29 - CFUM	Jim Arthur	Pat Arthur	Wyatt Earp	Randy Taber
	July 6 - Chuck Long	Bill W. Corwin	Kasey Vogel	Beth Goedken	Doyle Sanders
	July 13 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!

Email that information to lglendenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercer-klimowski@emcnl.com.