



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

August 3, 2018

This Week's Program:

Chris Knapp
Foundation Chair

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

LeAnn Auxier

Invocation:

TBA

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

Marv Johnson

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Future Programs

8/10: Donna Moore &
Rachel – DAG

8/17: Julianna Dubin
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8/24: Tom Narak
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Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



When my children were in elementary school, two of my three children had the same wonderful 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Ross. She explained the importance of 3rd grade as going from learning to read to reading to learn. I will never forget

this. It motivated me to spend 30 minutes to an hour a week working with one student who was struggling with that transition.

In 2017, 20% of Iowa fourth-graders eligible for free or reduced-price lunch scored proficient on NAEP reading assessments, compared to 48% of all fourth-graders. This reiterates the unfortunate truth that children living in poverty often start and stay behind.

This year, one of District 6000's initiatives is to identify ways to improve literacy. Children not reading at grade level by end of third grade are FOUR times as likely to drop out of high school. (Double Jeopardy) While I find

this statistic devastating, I am encouraged that our district is putting some emphasis on this critical academic issue.

What if we could do some good in the next year in our community's schools? There is more than one way to make a difference. Through our service projects we can continue to make sure our students are equipped with the school supplies necessary to be successful and we can volunteer our time to work with students who might need a little extra help.

This year we will begin exploring ways to partner with a school and make a difference. One child at a time, being a diligent Rotarians, we can make a difference.

Scribbles...

Scott Raecker - Character Counts

Scott Raecker is the Director of the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University, which provides character and leadership development strategies to improve civility and develop ethical leaders throughout the world. The Ray Center is recognized as a world-leading repository of best practices of character development and ethical leadership for all ages and across the full spectrum of human activity.

The Ray Center was founded based on the vision Governor Ray had to celebrate Iowa's sesquicentennial by doing something to change the world. The first initiative was Character Counts! In 1997 only 1 school in Iowa was using the Character Counts! Curriculum which is now being used in hundreds of schools across Iowa. Character Counts! has recently become more active in working in early childhood development with pre-elementary-aged children.



Developing strong ethical leaders continues throughout all stages of life. The Ray Center has worked with Drake student-athletes to develop The Bulldog Way, which stresses integrity and excellence. The Ray Center also partners with the Institute for Excellence and Ethics as business leaders stress that character is not a soft skill, but a fundamental trait that drives successful businesses.

The Ray Center epitomizes the values of Robert and Billie Ray. Governor Ray was an active Rotarian, a man of faith who embraced Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. The Ray Center is a gem, continuing his never-ending work of making the world a better place.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

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)

This & That

Rotary Trivia Challenge!

This week we learned (or were reminded) that the first chartered club outside of North America was in London in 1912. Ed was the winner of the extra ticket, with Brenda as runner-up because she reminded us that Dublin was the first club outside of NA, but they didn't charter right away. This week brings an interesting question about our founder! Paul P. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin. At age three, when his family fell on hard times, they moved to Vermont to live with Harris' paternal grandparents. Skip forward to his college years. He attended Princeton University, University of Vermont and the University of ____? Please email me your answer at penny.luthens@dmymca.org and I will buy you an extra raffle ticket on Friday!



International News

Rotary works to alleviate refugee crisis

The statistics are staggering. More than 28,000 people are uprooted from their homes each day as a result of war, oppression, and poverty. That's nearly 20 people per minute.

The seven-year war in Syria has been the biggest driver of the refugee crisis, with millions fleeing the country since the conflict began in 2011.

A shockingly high percent of the world's displaced are children. More than half the refugees are under age 18.

Rotary clubs are doing their part to help alleviate the global refugee crisis with projects that help bring water and health care to refugee camps, funds for families to move to safer countries, and more. Over the last several years, clubs and districts have used roughly \$3 million of global grant funds toward refugee-related projects and scholarships.

Read More at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-helps-alleviate-refugee-crisis>

Upcoming Events

August Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 21st

5:00 pm - Urbandale Library

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

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Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Aug 10 - DAG	Bob Moore	Wendi Wilson	Jim Lipscomb	Ed Arnold
Aug 17 - USCRI	Kasey Vogel	Joe Kobes	Mark McAndrews	Jenifer M-K
Aug 24 - District Governor	Roger Nyberg	Bob Moore	Jim Arthur	Greg Hartley
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				