



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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August 10, 2018

This Week's Program:

**Donna Moore &
Rachel
DAG**

Arranged By:

Bob Moore

Greeter:

Bob Moore

Invocation:

Wendi Wilson

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Ed Arnold

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Future Programs

8/17: Julianna Dubin
USCRI

8/24: Tom Narak
District Governor

8/31: Aaron Putze
Iowa Soybean Association

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



Last week was a wonderful Club meeting for a number of reasons, one being I survived the first month as President!! Joking aside, we had the opportunity to share Rotary with many guests. I always find it delightful to have the opportunity to lift up our work and let others know about it. My hope is that our guests are always feel welcome and at home.

Chris Knapp had an excellent presentation on the Rotary Foundation. While we are aware of the fact that The Rotary Foundation transforms your generous gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world, it was good to be reminded how prolific our club is in supporting this branch in the RI tree. Chris went on to explain something that spoke to me: he discussed engaging our community in our causes. We have some pretty compelling causes that I would like to take the next few newsletters discussing. This week, let's discuss supporting education. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult

population. This statistic is shocking. Nearly 2 in 10 people over age 15 are unable read. Let that sink in.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. We do this through mentoring students, teacher training, and adult literacy. When we consider the number of refugees living in our service area alone, I am willing to bet that we have a need in our own community. Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs. The key is building those key relationships.

Detroit is an example of a success story. Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate. The result was that 500 adults raised their reading level by 3 grades.

As Rotarians, please keep this in mind when you making donations of time and money. Supporting education is something that all of us can lift up.

Scribbles...

Chris Knapp - Foundation Chair

This week the program was presented by Chris Knapp, District 6000 Rotary Foundation Chair. He was ably assisted by his spouse, Vernetta. Chris is a distinguished Rotarian with many roles including Past District Governor in District 6000.

The Rotary Foundation is 101 years old, and was launched with \$26.50 in funds. Over its history it has granted \$3 billion globally. These grants are generated in three funds: 1. The Annual Fund 2. The Polio Fund 3. The Endowment Fund. Our well known polio eradication effort will spend \$1 Billion to assist in ridding the world of this disease. Grants are either Rotary Community grants

with the various districts of Rotary, or Global grants to improve the Human Condition across the world.

There are six areas of Focus under which Rotary operates in our world: 1. Peace and conflict resolution 2. Disease prevention and treatment 3. Water and sanitation 4. Maternal and child health 5. Basic education and literacy 6. Economic and community development.

Chris explained how the district and

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Scribe Continued...

global funds are generated and granted. Our Rotary philosophy: We Can. We Should. We Are Rotarians.

Chris is an engaging, talented and entertaining speaker and presented his topic of the Rotary Foundation with passion. He challenged us to continue and indeed increase our impressive support of the Rotary Foundation.



Marv Johnson, Scribe

Doing Good In The World



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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This & That

Rotary Trivia Challenge!

Last week many of you were quick on the draw to report back to me that Paul Harris went to University of Iowa Law School. Go Hawks!! It is my pleasure to keep those raffle tickets coming (Doyle, I believe that I owe you one). We have covered that Rotary's roots began in Chicago, Illinois. The next four Rotary Clubs were organized in cities in the western United States. Do you know what two states these next 4 clubs were organized in? Bonus points for cities!!



Congrats!

Way to go!! We were glad to present student scholarship check to Claire Weihs here with her parents Clarence and Susie, along with Rotarian Dr. Bill Grask and President Penny.



Birthdays

July 7 Wyatt Earp

July 10 Kasey Vogel

July 10 Eric Dickinson



Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Aug 17 - USCRI	Kasey Vogel	Joe Kobes	Jim Lipscomb	Jenifer M-K
Aug 24 - District Governor	Roger Nyberg	Bob Moore	Jim Arthur	Greg Hartley
Aug 31 - IA Soybean Assoc.	TBA	Brad Helgemo	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				