



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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August 24, 2018

This Week's Program:

Tom Narak
District Governor

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Roger Nyberg

Invocation:

Bob Moore

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Jim Arthur

Scribe:

Greg Hartley

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Leray Glendenning, Past President

Future Programs

8/31: Aaron Putze
Iowa Soybean Association

9/7: Club Meeting

9/14: Mark Kuhn
Tennis Anyone

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



This is an exciting week for our Club as we prepare for our District Governor and his wife to visit. In my short time as Northwest Des Moines Rotary President, I have come to realize the commitment that it takes to serve at this level: not only a commitment for the individual, but for their spouse as well. Author Robert C. Donna is quoted as saying, "The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together." This couldn't be more of the case in Rotary's hierarchy of service. Teamwork is essential and truly amazing. Consider the week of such individuals as they travel around our state and inform clubs of meaningful vision. I look forward to the vision that Tom and Carol bring to our District and find their initiatives for this year to be ever so important.

As I stated at my installation dinner and in a subsequent newsletter, our District is

Scribbles...

Julianna Dubin - USCRI

Do you know the difference between an immigrant and a refugee? An immigrant is a person who has voluntarily left his or her home country in order to settle in a new country. A refugee is sort of a sub-category of immigrant, but the person was forced to flee from the home country due to persecution or danger to his or her life. A refugee must have crossed a border; otherwise, he or she is classified as "internally displaced."

Our speaker Friday was Julianna Durbin, the Executive Director of the Iowa Chapter of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). This is a national organization that provides resettlement services, mostly during their clients' first six months to a year of their arrival.

Globally, we are facing the largest refugee crisis since WWII. There are 66 million

committed to having an impact on Literacy, Child Abuse Prevention and Eradicating Polio. I am proud of the work that we have done in these areas but know that we must not stop in our efforts and there is much work left to do.

This leads me to ask these questions: Do we have spouses within our Club who might also want to join the ranks of Rotarians, and how do we best accommodate that as a Club? I imagine that there may be spouses, significant others, or dear friends of ours who might have a calling to help our community local and afar in these areas.

Let's share our work and continue to invite in those we care about. Together we will make a difference.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Friday!



displaced persons of all kinds, of which only about 25.4 million get the "opportunity" to be a refugee. The US has a cap for accepting refugees, only 45,000 in 2018; so far, 18,214 have been admitted, and 447 have settled in Iowa. We have a strong program, with one of the highest resettlement rates. (Note: there are different categories of people seeking to entry into the U.S.: immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, temporary workers, etc., and each category has its own cap, independent of the other categories.)

Refugees are screened by the U.N. while in other countries, not their home country. There are three options: 1. They may have to (or be able to) return to their original home country. 2. They may remain in the original/first country of refuge, which is

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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, August 27.

Contact Larry Sample to sign-up.

50-year Anniversary Celebration

founding of the NW Des Moines Rotary Club.

Thursday, October 11, at Hyperion Country Club.

Desert and coffee will be included!

Jolly Holiday Lights

Santa's Wish Shop, Monday, November 26. Details to follow.

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

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This & That

Trivia Question!

The road to women becoming members in Rotary was not free of some roadblocks. While the idea came up in 1912 in Ireland with little traction, gender equity moved beyond the theoretical

question when, in 1976, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California admitted 3 women in their club. What happened after this? Email penny.luthens@dmymca.org with your answer and an additional raffle ticket will be given to you on Friday!



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often easier because of strong communities of other refugees with similar language, culture and family ties. 3. They resettle in yet another country.

Refugees in Iowa have come from all over the world, with the majority of them coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Bhutan and Burma/Myanmar. Many, if not most, are fleeing some sort of ethnic cleansing. For example, Burma has 43 ethnic minority groups, which the government does not consider to be true Burmese – so “Burmese” citizens aren’t leaving the country, to that government’s way of thinking. Bhutan was recently classified as the Happiest Country On Earth – because if you’re not happy, you’re not welcome and had best be leaving. Eritrea has mandatory military conscription and is a repressive regime, reputed to be worse than North Korea. The DRC has been in a state of civil war for 25 years, with the innocents caught between rival warlords. Many of the refugees from the DRC end up in Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.

Most refugees are single mothers, whose husbands are either trapped or left behind, or are dead.

An additional category of refugees arrive in the US under Special Immigrant Visas; these are the Iraqi and Afghani civilians who worked for and with the U.S. Military. Their circumstances are a bit different from the typical refugee, in that they leave voluntarily for a better life,

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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 31 - IA Soybean Assoc.	TBA	Brad Helgemo	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask
Sept 7 - Club Meeting	Dianne D-Nelson	Doyle Sanders	Pat Arthur	Wyatt Earp
Sep 14 - Tennis Anyone	Jenifer M-K	Bill D. Corwin	Larry Sample	Beth Goedken
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				



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but may still be under some threat of reprisals for having cooperated with the US.

The average processing time to arrive to the U.S. as a refugee is 13 years. They then are allowed to apply for citizenship after 5 years, compared to the standard 7 years for an immigrant. English language proficiency is a key to achieving citizenship. Once refugees arrive, they are assigned to one of nine support organizations – all non-profit, six faith-based and three not – and local agencies to find the best plan for resettlement and assimilation. USCRI has over 80 offices across the country, plus one in El Salvador. The Iowa office has 25 staff members; Julianna was accompanied by two new interns, Maren and Madison, who are learning the ropes.

When refugees are resettled, they receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000, most of which goes to pay for initial housing expenses. They have the following tasks:

- Find housing
- Set up social services.
- Obtain medical screenings – sometimes refugee status can be expedited in cases of medical need, such as diabetes or cancer.
- Enroll the kids in school – a joyous occasion for families coming from countries where education was hard, if not impossible to obtain; the kids are excited, and happy kids make happy parents!
- Learn to navigate the public transportation system.
- Take personal classes: financial management, language, community acculturation.
- Find employment. Most newcomers end up in food processing such as Pine Ridge, Loffredo Gardens or Tyson. Some work at Kinetco, making IV tubing. Others work in housekeeping and maintenance. Some who had professional degrees are able to get assistance with validating their education and experience credentials and return to their original employment.

They also receive assistance from special organizations run by people from their own countries who have already gone through the process and can assist them to adapt. The goal is financial self-sufficiency within six months; the USCRI has a 96% success rate!

You can volunteer: volunteer@USCRI-desmoines.org

Scribe, Jenifer M-K

Tip of the Day

Even if you don't have a child going back to school this week, there are things you need to remember at this time of year. Here are a few School Zone driving safety tips!!

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

