



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 7, 2018

This Week's Program:

Club Meeting

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Dianne D-Nelson

Invocation:

Doyle Sanders

Sergeant:

Pat Arthur

Scribe:

Wyatt Earp

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Penny Luthens, President

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Future Programs

9/14: Mark Kuhn
Tennis Anyone

9/21: Golf Tournament

9/28: Andrea Hansen
Iowa Public Radio

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



Northwest Des Moines Rotarians: This Friday we will spend our noon hour with what I hope will be considered good Club conversation. For those of you there last week, I attempted to explain the organic layout of what to expect. Prior to attending, consider which area of emphasis where you would like to lend a helping hand. In no way are you limited to this area, but you will be helping this committee to come up with a chart of work for our Club. As a brief reminder, our table talks will consist of Membership, Programs and Special Events, Youth Service, Marketing, and our 50th Anniversary Party. As I stated last week, I don't want to overthink or micromanage how the conversation for each group looks. My hope, however, is that after a good 30 minutes of discussion, a few essential topics rise to the top as priorities and then each group can fine-tune its action plan.

I once wrote a blog post about a song that had chorus lyrics that stated "you get what you give." This is true in almost everything. The

more connected you are in your profession, personal relationships, your service, personal health journey, etc. etc. is connected to what you get back from those efforts. Each and every one of us, as Rotarians, has certain skill sets that can help us improve our Club. No matter how big or small, my hope is that you find a table on Friday that sparks your interest and you feel comfortable sharing ideas about how we can reach our goals. Additionally, I hope that you get to know those Rotarians sitting on each side of you a little better as well.

When our table talks conclude on Friday, I hope that one person from each group can share the top one or two strategies that they would like to work on as a committee.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday. Finally, given that Summer has come to a close and college football has begun, I encourage you to sport your favorite spirit wear. As for me, I will be sporting Black and Gold!

Scribbles...

Aaron Putze - Iowa Soybean

Our speaker last week was Mr. Aaron Putze of the Iowa Soybean Association. Northwest Des Moines Rotary was previously introduced to Aaron when former Iowa quarterback Chuck Long addressed our Club. They collaborated on a wonderful story about Chuck's life/career.

Aaron grew up on a farm near West Bend, Iowa. His hard work on the family farm and in school prepared him for the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. There he graduated with degrees in Public Relations and Journalism, specializing in agriculture.

He educated our Club on current trade issues with China and the United States. Iowa is in the top three states for soybean production, and soybeans are found in numerous food products



including a fan favorite: peanut butter! China consumes 60% of all soybeans globally, and with its Soy Aquaculture of growing fish its consumption of soy products has increased while its production is severely declining. This would normally increase the value U.S.-grown soy, but due to geo-political tensions between the U.S. and China, the value of U.S. soybeans worldwide has declined, and that hurts Iowa farmers.

It was an informative, educational presentation that was pleasure to hear from one of Iowa's own great story tellers. Thank you Aaron!!

Scribe, Bill Grask

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

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!

Last week we pointed out the areas of emphasis for District 6000 this year. Bill and Mark reminded us that those were Child Abuse Prevention and Human Trafficking, Literacy and Polio Eradication. This week's question is, what are the three countries that are still reporting cases of Polio? If you know, email me at Penny.luthens@dmymca.org.



Facts about rain to pour over!

Phantom rain - Under certain conditions, rain can fall from the sky without ever reaching the ground. It happens when rain falling from a cloud evaporates or sublimates as it approaches the earth's surface.

Rain has a smell - When raindrops fall on dusty or clay soils, they trap tiny air bubbles on the surface which then shoot upward - as in a glass of Champagne - and burst out of the drop throwing aerosols of scent into the air where they are then distributed by wind.

How long does it take a raindrop to reach the ground?
 Its difficult to give an exact figure as the height at which raindrops fall and their size vary widely, but given that raindrops fall at an average speed of around 14 mph and assuming a cloud base height of around 2,500 feet, a raindrop would take just over 2 minutes to reach the ground.

Birthdays



Sep 3 Randy Taber

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Sep 14 - Tennis Anyone	Jenifer M-K	Bill D. Corwin	Larry Sample	Beth Goedken
Sep 21 - Golf Tournament	Bob Moore	David Crandall	Laura Holmes	Jim Arthur
Sep 28 - Iowa Public Radio	Roger Nyberg	Diane Reed	Kasey Vogel	Wendi Wilson
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				