



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 14, 2018

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens

This Week's Program:

Mark Kuhn

Tennis Anyone

Arranged By:

Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Jenifer M-K

Invocation:

Bill D. Corwin

Sergeant:

Brad Helgemo

Scribe:

Beth Goedken

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Ed Arnold, Club Svs & Programs

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Future Programs

9/21: Golf Tournament

9/28: Andrea Hansen
Iowa Public Radio

10/5: Evelyn Horton
Balance Autism



I want to thank all of you who participated in our Club meeting last week. Good conversation and brain storming. As I packed up to head back to my afternoon duties at work, Wyatt Earp was still seated working on the minutes.

I will allow his wonderful note-taking for extended narrative on some of our outcomes from our table talks.

Albert Einstein was quoted saying, "Paper is to write things down that we need to remember. Our brains are used to think." Rotarian friends, we have now taken the first step in prioritizing our areas of work. We are in no way limited to those lists, but they are a starting place. They are an accountability plan, if you will. In the near future, I will be connecting with each table head about how we are progressing on our plans.

While paper is an important way of documenting our visions, Einstein is correct, our brains are what makes those things live off the poster board. Our service is in motion.

P.S. As a quick reminder, please mark your calendars for next week as we prepare for our golf tournament! Thanks to our coordinator Ed Arnold, much has already been done, but we still need day of help. It's events like this one that allow us to continue to have a broad reach in our service!

Enjoy the weather this week!

Scribbles...

Club Meeting



At the Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 meeting, the Club broke into four groups to discuss future business ideas. The highlights presented were as follows:

- * Programs & Service – Expand to the whole Club for source of people or group to present to Club.
- * 50th Anniversary Party – Club history presentation including photos. Reach out to past Club Presidents to invite them to attend.
- * Market/Membership – Discussed better use of the internet to attract new members.
- * Improve our current Club website to make it more accessible.
- * Use websites like MeetUp.com to sign up people searching for business networking and service opportunities.
- * Membership inviting campaign.
- * Use Constant Contact program to keep our Club meetings in the minds of past attendees.
- * Youth services – Raise awareness of Rotary in Urbandale high school.

Scribe, Wyatt Earp

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 were reminded of that Pakistan and Afghanistan have had reported cases of polio.

Nigeria is getting closer to being polio free because their last reported case was 8/24/2016.

This week's trivia is another history question. Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation during what year?



Weird Tennis History

Tennis balls can kill

Scotland's King James I was into playing an early version of tennis that included balls and racquets but not ball boys, which proved deadly.

James kept losing balls in the sewage drain at the corner of the court he played on at Blackfriars Monastery. This made him furious and what good is being king if you can't wildly decree that an inconvenient sewage drain immediately be sealed?

Like many capricious decisions, this one came back to bite James pretty bad.

A few days later, assassins broke into his place to... assassinate him. The king attempted to dodge the bad guys by going underneath the floorboards and into the drainage system with the intention of escaping via the tennis court exit. But instead of a bunch of tennis balls clogging up the sewer drain he was fleeing through, he found the newly sealed grate, and was subsequently caught and murdered.

No racquets required

Tennis was initially played with your hands. (Please try this and send us video.) It was called "jeu de paume" (game of the palm) and people's hands were presumably worn and red until the 16th century when racquets came into use.

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
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
Oct 5 - Balance Autism	Dave Piersel	Marv Johnson	Roger Nyberg	Brenda AM
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				