



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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October 5, 2018

*This Week's Program:*

Doyle Sanders  
Rotary International

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Brenda AM

Invocation:

Diana Reed

Sergeant:

Brenda AM

Scribe:

Dave Piersel

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Leray Glendenning, Past President

## Future Programs

**10/11:** Celebration at  
Hyperion - **Canceled**

**10/12:** TBA

**10/19:** Anne Murr  
Drake Adult Literacy Center

**10/26:** Bruce Wilson  
Special Olympics

## Prez Sez

*Penny Luthens*



At last Friday's noon meeting there were a lot of moving parts that took place prior to commencement. Our speaker from Iowa Public Radio was sick. Additionally, Greeter, Invocation, Sergeant and Scribe needed to be reas-

signed. Per usual, it was all figured out prior to the clock striking noon. One of the great things that was allowed to happen, was it gave Mark McAndrews the opportunity to speak about RYLA. You can read about the contents of that speech in this newsletter. There is one piece that I wanted to discuss in my thoughts today.

Mark shared with us an exercise that they do at camp entitled "Take a look around." In this exercise, campers are asked three questions:

- 1) What should you know about me?
- 2) What do you never want said about you?
- 3) How can we support you?

These are excellent questions! Questions that have context in personal and professional relationships. In the next paragraph I would

like to answer question number one through the lens of volunteerism.

What should you know about Penny Luthens, Rotarian and President of Northwest Rotary of Des Moines? You should definitely know that I believe that everyone deserves a seat at the table when it comes to decision making. I believe that all members should have the opportunity to weigh in on decisions that they feel passionate about. I also realize that there are some decisions and projects that don't speak to your heart. That's ok too.

You should also know that I am a Big Picture person. I can look at a project and conceptualize how to start, what broad strokes need to happen, and what the next steps consist of as we knock away at the details. I do however, find that my best projects happen when I reach out to others with expertise in filling in the details that make a successful event or project.

That's a little bit about me. I would love to know a little bit about you! Have a great week.

## Scribbles...

### Mark McAndrews - RYLA

Club member Mark McAndrews gave the Club an overview of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in District 6000. RYLA started as a one-time event in 1959 as part of a Royal Visit to Queensland Australia commemorating the Centennial of the founding of the province. After the first year there was such a demand that it became an ongoing celebration. By 1971 Rotary International recognized RYLA as a Rotary project.

RYLA can be organized by a club, a district or multiple districts. For several decades, RYLA in District 6000 was a one-day event

held at Camp Dodge. Six years ago District 6000 decided to revamp RYLA and examined multiple models for RYLA all over the US. We settled on a model implemented by RYLA of the Rockies, a five-day format run by multiple districts at the YMCA Camp in Estes Park, Colorado. Fortunately, District 5970 had just adopted that format two years previously and we were able to form a partnership between our districts to jointly sponsor RYLA. Over the past six years RYLA has grown from 50 students to 240 (our capacity at Grinnell College).

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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)

## This & That

### Trivia Question!

This week's trivia question comes to you as a history question again.

We all can recite the 4-Way Test.

Do you know who was the creator of it and what year it came to be?

Email me at penny.luthens@dmymca.org for an extra ticket this week!



### CONGRATS!

Fun was had by all at last weeks golf tournament! Congratulations to Bill Grask and his team!! Bill Corwin presented the winning trophy to Bill G.

## Scribe Continued...

The first key to RYLA is learning a bit about your own personal leadership style and attributes. Through a couple of personality surveys, conferees learn what motivates them, how they interact with others, how they take in information, and how they make decisions. Understanding yourself and others is a key skill in forming effective teams.

Another key of RYLA is that leadership is learned through experience and practice. Conferees are assigned to a team of 12 conferees (none of whom know each other), led by a counselor (a conferee from a prior year) and supported by a Rotarian. The majority of the week is spent in this small group engaged in activities to create learning opportunities.

Testimonials from conferees, parents, teachers and Rotarians verify RYLA is a truly life changing experience. Conferees return better leaders who to teach the skills they have learned in all of the organizations they are a part of.

In the opinion of this scribe, Mr. McAndrews gave an excellent presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Mark McAndrews, Scribe

### Upcoming Events

#### 50-year Anniversary Celebration

#### UPDATE ALERT:

The 50th Anniversary party has been **postponed** and will be held in conjunction with our Christmas party December 13 at Hyperion

CFUM - Monday, October 22nd

#### 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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## Future Information



### Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Oct 12 - TBA	Bob Moore	David Crandall	Laura Holmes	Jim Arthur
Oct 19 - Drake Adult Literacy	John Pittman	Larry Sample	Ed Arnold	Mark McAndrews
Oct 26 - Special Olympics	David Crandall	Randy Taber	Leray Glendenning	Diana Reed
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				