



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

November 9, 2018

This Week's Program:

Greg Hartley
Salvation Army

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Wyatt Earp

Invocation:

Ed Arnold

Sergeant:

Joe Kobes

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders

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Future Programs

11/16: Emily Fish
ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease

11/23: No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving!

11/30: Cliff Campbell
Polio Survivor

Prez Sez

Penny Luthens



At Friday's meeting Brenda Auxier-Mailey asked our Club to think about why we are Rotarians. She shared with us her reasons and how important it has always been in her family. I would like to take a minute to share with you my reasons.

I have spent the better part of my adult life trying to do my part in whatever way possible to serve. Over the course of my lifetime, those focuses have shifted, but the fundamental idea of service has not. Rotary was a club that I joined because I was asked by a coworker to consider joining. I rotated my attendance with two other YMCA employees. Over time, I realized that the good work that this little Club in Urbandale did near and far. It wasn't long before I became the sole attendee from the Y in this Club (a number of Y employees are Rotarians). I felt fortunate to work at a place that considered Rotary service something important enough that they actually encourage employees to participate.

As time went on, I gained more responsibility within our Club by serving on the Board. Eventually that turned into empowering an Interact group of mostly high school girls to

complete a number of service projects in the greater Des Moines area. That was the kicker for me! I can tell you, with little hesitation, that the primary reason that I feel connected to Rotary is the service that we do for youth near and far. Be it developing leadership skills, making certain that students have basic needs of coats and school supplies, or supplying villages with bikes that enable their communities to transport students (and clean water) to and from school. Youth are my primary reason, but not my only one.

Additionally, being connected to a Rotary Club has given me the opportunity to learn so much about the many worthwhile non-profits in Iowa during our weekly meetings. Each Friday, I leave our lunch meeting feeling a little more hopeful about our world. In addition to the wonderful speakers that we attract, the audience of Rotarians is as hopeful.

To reiterate Brenda, I encourage you to reflect on your reasons for being a Rotarian. Feel free to share them. There is no right or wrong answer. In fact, the more diverse our answers, the healthier the club. Have a great week.

Scribbles...

Doug Harr - Audubon Program

"Coming Soon"



"Two Good Ole Birds" from South Dakota State University: Rotarian Dave Piersel and Speaker Doug Harr

New Member

This & That



WELCOME!

Take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome our new member

Kyle Pieper.

It's a pleasure to have you as our newest member of the Northwest Rotary Club!

Trivia Question!

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help _____ (fill in the blank)."



Email penny.luthens@dmymca.org with your answer for a raffle ticket.

Upcoming Events

Jolly Holiday Lights

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

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 1
Ring the Bells - Salvation Army

Coming Soon!

Bell Ringing! The bell ringing season starts each November and runs through Christmas Eve, when the red kettles are packed away for the season. Volunteers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises about \$30 per hour – enough to provide a family with two bags of groceries, or shelter an individual for a night.



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

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Birthdays

Nov 7 Joe Kobes

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Nov 16 - ALS	Laura Holmes	Mark McAndrews	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor
Nov 23 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Nov 30 - Polio Survivor	Brenda AM	Kasey Vogel	Bill W. Corwin	Mark McAndrews
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				