



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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June 17, 2011

Theresa Bomhof
Nat'l Alliance on
Mental Health

Arranged By:
Ed Arnold

Greeter:
Wendi Wilson

Invocation:
David Nagel

Sergeant:
Dan Boes

Scribe:
Bill Grask

2010-11 Officers & Directors

- Eric Dickinson, President
- Wanda Armstrong, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Bill Corwin, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Jim Arthur, Director
- Dan Boes, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- Wendi Wilson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

Future Programs

6/24: No Meeting
Iowa Cubs Outing

7/1: Wanda Armstrong
New President Installation

Prez Sez...

Eric Dickinson

Wow! What an amazing year this has been. It has been a great honor to lead this club and work with so many dedicated Rotarians. Thank you for allowing me to lead you in our Rotary Mission over this past year. I want to thank the awesome Board that I had this year, as well as each of the committees that true-fully did their part. I hope that you will continue to make this your club and offer suggestions on what we can do to help better our community, both here and worldwide. My first line of duty after my tenure as President comes to a close, is to sit out and visit with you each week. This is something that I have really missed. The only thing that I will not miss about being President is having to write this column. English was never my favorite subject. **Thanks for a GREAT year!**



Scribbles...

Rev. Sarai Rice

DM Area Religious Council

Sarai Schnucker Rice, Executive Director of DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council) is a graduate of Truman University and Yale Divinity School. Her speech to our Club provided us with insights into the organization and work of DMARC.

Ms. Rice indicated that DMARC is a very diverse organization. It's membership is made up of many different cultures and faiths in the City of Des Moines. The membership unites to provide services to those who find themselves short of the basic necessities of life, i.e., food, rent & utility assistance and child care.

DMARC has several Food Pantries throughout the metropolitan area of DesMoines. Food pantries are the primary service that DMARC offers.

Food is supplied to the pantries through donations from various grocery stores, individuals and cash donations.

Forty percent of the clients of DMARC are eligible for Food Stamps, but have not signed up for the program. DMARC encourages these clients to sign up for SNAP, the Federal Food Stamp program. The client is provided a food stamp card, similar to a debit card, They can use this card at grocery stores and at the farmers market.

Ms. Rice indicted that DesMoines citizens are very generous in donating money and food. DMARC has experienced a significant increase in clients in 2010. In 2010 they served 10,000 families and 30,000 people and the trend is continuing up-ward. Ms. Rice gave high praise to the operation of the Urbandale Food Pantry, which is affiliated with DMARC.

Gil DeRoos, Scribe

Other Local Meetings

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
 Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
 Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
 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, WDM Marriott (6:00 pm)

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
 Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)
 Winterset, Northside Cafe, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

Rotary Awards

2011 Lepley Hero In Education Award

Linda Ennen was awarded the Lepley Hero in Education award. A check for \$500 will be given to her school for supplies she needs.



\$1,000 Scholarship Award Winners

Alana DeVries

from Metro West Academy
 She will be attending DMACC in the fall.

Daniel Gipson

from Urbandale High School
 He will be attending Luther College.



We'll Be Singing . . .

TBA

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted every Wednesday by Noon. Please send to:

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BIRTHDAYS

June 16 **Cam Torstenson**

"Take Me Out to The Ball Game"

Thursday, June 23rd
 Rotary's Iowa Cubs Outing!!



Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> Leslie Malcom	<i>Chairperson:</i> Wanda Armstrong	<i>Chairperson:</i> Jim Pittman	<i>Chairperson:</i> Beth Goedken	<i>Chairperson:</i> Larry Sample
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Wanda Armstrong, July 1	TBA, July 1	TBA, July 1	TBA, July 1	TBA, July 1
TBA, July 8	TBA, July 8	TBA, July 8	TBA, July 8	TBA, July 8