

# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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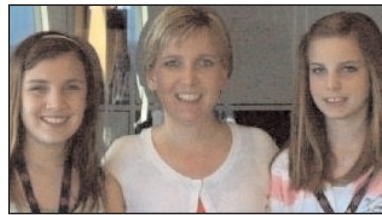
## Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

This month represents the half way point of my year leading the club. I can't hardly express how great of an experience this is for me. I am honored to be serving with a very dedicated and hard-working board. I appreciate all of the comments, critiques, and kudos that you have passed along to me.

This is your club and should be run with camaraderie, transparency, and accountability. Please continue to keep your board informed of any ideas you would like to see put in action as well as any changes you may see needed.

Thank you all for being a valued member of Northwest Des Moines Rotary.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

## Scribbles

### Vocational Programs

Our first meeting for 2010 was different. The venue for this meeting and the next meeting is The Incredible Pizza. Ed Arnold apologized for his lapse of memory regarding the Energy Tickets for the special Polio Plus fundraising event with the Iowa Energy vs. Ft. Wayne Mad Ants, Saturday Jan 23 at 7:00pm. Dave Smith used financial bribery to influence a young guest to leave the room and enjoy some electronic games while he related a story. The Vocational Programs Committee deviated from the traditional routine of Rotarians visiting Rotarians business locations and arranged for four of our members to talk about their vocation at today's meeting. Wanda Armstrong handled introductions.

**Dianne Porter**, member since February 2008, downtown Branch Manager and 16 year employee for Earlham Savings Bank. E Bank has 5 locations and has been in business 79 years and employs 63 personnel. Dianne and Earlham Bank are involved in real estate lending, consumer lending, and traditional banking activities.

**Paul Kirpes**, member since Jun 2001, President TPG Companies/Philanthropy Group. TPG works with both non-profit and for profit entities. In his business, Paul has been referred to in numerous ways, including - Million Dollar Man, fund raiser, business coach, grant writer, idealistic, capitalistic. He has never been called pessimistic. Current and recent projects, to name a few include a business plan with social objectives, a business owner who wants to do well and do good, and other projects with business and charitable challenges. To find out more, go to [www.whatmattersmost.com](http://www.whatmattersmost.com).

**Jennifer Mercer-Klimowski**, member since June 2005, Senior VP, Corporate Counsel, Corporate Secretary for EMC National Life Company, her employer at the start of her legal career in 1981. EMC specializes in servicing property and casualty and life and annuity insurance. The bulk of Jennifer's job is in the area of corporate counsel and considers herself a glorified problem solver. Numerous challenges include compliance resolution, creative ideas and solutions, plus resolving agent related questions.

January 15, 2010  
Program:

**Jerry Fleagle**  
IA Grocers Association

Arranged By:  
**Nancy Johnson**  
Greeter:  
N/A

Invocation:  
**Phil Houle**  
Sergeant:  
**Kevin Smith**  
Scribe:  
**Beth Goedken**

## 2009-10

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**  
Wendi Wilson, President  
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### Future Programs

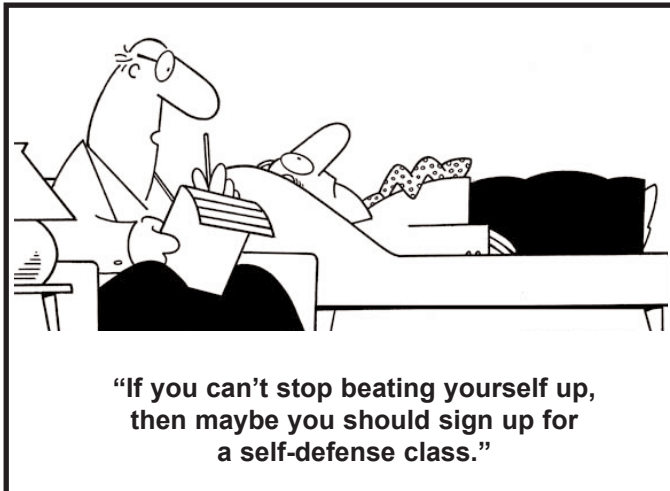
1/22: Club Program

1/29: Aimee Beckman  
Collier

## Scribbles Cont....

**Beth Goedken**, member since April 2004, is self-employed and the owner of Advantage Print & Promotions, specializing in printing and sales. Beth noted that the cost of a sales call warrants the cost of leaving something with the prospect with your name on it to improve the chance of them remembering your name. Thanks Beth, for the kettle corn you brought for our members to take home. As part of her marketing activity, Beth sends out riddles inviting you to go to her website for the answer. Beth offered a few riddles where she asks something like "what do the following 3 things have in common"? I will think of 1996, federal court, Olive Garden, and cold calling every time I have microwaved pop corn in the future.

Getting accustomed to writing 2010  
Scribe Larry Sample



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

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## Rotary Minute...

### Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. In recent years, more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club - and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high-school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsor clubs, receiving high schools, and the entire community. Youth exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students spend a full academic year abroad through the long-term exchange program.

You Exchange is a highly recommended activity for all Rotary clubs to enhance international understanding and goodwill.

This years Youth Exchange Winter Retreat is being held at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola on January 16 & 17, 2010.

BIRTHDAYS

January 13

**Marv Johnson**

January 15

**Cecil Brewton**

BIRTHDAYS



## Future Information

### Program

Chairperson:

**Gil DeRoos**

TBA, Jan. 22

Jenifer M-K, Jan. 29

TBA, Feb. 5

### Greeters

Chairperson:

**Nancy Johnson**

Beth Goedken, Jan. 22

Rick Grant, Jan. 29

Jeff Bremer, Feb. 5

### Invocation

Chairperson:

**Jim Pittman**

Brad Helgemo, Jan. 22

Beth Goedken, Jan. 29

Marcus Dunn, Feb. 5

### Sergeant

Chairperson:

**Kevin Smith**

Rick Grant, Jan. 22

Gene Gabus, Jan. 29

TBA, Feb. 5

### Scribe

Chairperson:

**Larry Sample**

Bill Corwin, Jan. 22

Randy Gambill, Jan. 29

Bill Grask, Feb. 5