



# NOR'WESTER

## Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

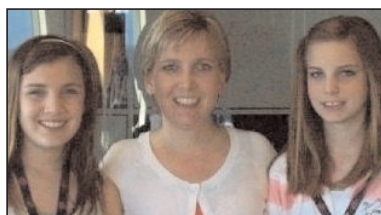
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### Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

I hope that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday. January 2010 is a time that many people make resolutions. Just like this year's Rotary Motto: The future is in your hands, our futures are what we make of them. Let us all resolve to be more involved with our loved ones, our communities, and our country.

The next 2 weeks we will be meeting at The Incredible Pizza on the corner of 86th and Douglas. Please remember to continue to sell tickets to the Iowa Energy game on January 23rd to help raise money for ending Polio. See Ed Arnold for more tickets.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

### Scribbles

#### Rick Burns Progress Industries

Rick Burns, a veteran of the Iraq War, provided us with a view of Iraq that we do not see in news coverage. Mr. Burns served two tours in Iraq. . The first in 2004 and then again in 2007. He served as a liaison officer between the U.S. military forces and the civilian population. He was to develop understanding with the residents in various communities in Iraq about the purpose of our mission and to promote goodwill.

Mr. Burns emphasized that the civilian population wants a life similar to the one that we are accustomed to living. He indicated that unlike, Afghanistan, Iraq has political and educational structure that tries to accomplish order in their society. Most people are literate and are conversant in their native language and in English.

While are country is in debt, Mr. Burns indicated that Iraq has 95 billion in the bank and that these monies should be tapped to rebuild the nation. As a part of their rebuilding, the US worked with local politicians to develop seventeen political districts. There was a great deal of involvement on the part of the local people in determining who would be appointed to various counsels, boards, etc.,

but that the U.S. was actively involved in who would serve in Parliament. Rick felt that the local people should have had more voice as to who served in the Parliament, and that would have ultimately developed better relationships.

Mr. Burns work today involves an ongoing relationship with the infrastructure of Iraq. He is working with doctors, dentists, education, and economic development personnel to link resources in the U.S. with like personnel in Iraq. For example, he is linking the dental school at Creighton with a dental school in Iraq. Through video communication the personnel in Iraq and U.S. can exchange information which will hopefully build better relationships between the two countries.

Mr. Burns concluded by indicating that his tours in Iraq were a very positive experience for him and that he hopes to continue building relationships between the two countries. Thank you, Mr. Burns for your service to our country.

Gil DeRoos, Scribe



January 8, 2010  
Program:

### Vocational Programs

Arranged By:  
Vocational Programs  
Greeter:  
N/A

Invocation:  
Marv Johnson

Sergeant:  
Beth Goedken

Scribe:  
Larry Sample

### 2009-10

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Wendi Wilson, President
- Eric Dickinson, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Wanda Armstrong, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Jim Arthur, Director
- Chuck Corwin, Director
- Rick Grant, Director
- Marcus Dunn, Director
- Cam Torstenson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Mark McAndrews, Exec Treas

#### Future Programs

1/15: Jerry Fleagle  
IA Grocers Association

1/22: Club Program

## 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)

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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


## Rotary Minute...

### **Membership in Rotary International**

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, "Of course, I'm a member of Rotary International." But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be technically wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International!!

The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. More than 32,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International.

The Rotarian belongs to a club;  
 the club belongs to Rotary International.



**Rotary...  
OUT & ABOUT**

Rick Grant & Nancy Johnson ringing bells.

**THANKS  
to all our  
RINGERS!**

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

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BIRTHDAYS

December 12 - John Pittman

December 15 - Robert Dabrieo

December 22 - Paul Kirpes

December 28 - Tim Bonney

December 31 - Tim Walpole



BIRTHDAYS

## Future Information

### Program

Chairperson:  
**Gil DeRoos**

Nancy Johnson, Jan. 15  
 TBA, Jan. 22  
 Jenifer M-K, Jan. 29

### Greeters

Chairperson:  
**Nancy Johnson**

N/A, Jan. 15  
 Beth Goedken, Jan. 22  
 Rick Grant, Jan. 29

### Invocation

Chairperson:  
**Jim Pittman**

Phil Houle, Jan. 15  
 Brad Helgemo, Jan. 22  
 Beth Goedken, Jan. 29

### Sergeant

Chairperson:  
**Kevin Smith**

Kevin Smith, Jan. 15  
 Rick Grant, Jan. 22  
 Gene Gabus, Jan. 29

### Scribe

Chairperson:  
**Larry Sample**

Beth Goedken, Jan. 15  
 Bill Corwin, Jan. 22  
 Randy Gambill, Jan. 29