



# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines

October 28, 2011

## Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Gary Pacha  
Iowa MOST

Arranged By:  
Wanda Armstrong

Greeter:

Jim Arthur

Invocation:

John Asche

Sergeant:

Kevin Smith

Scribe:

Brenda A-M

The following dues resolution was passed at the October board meeting: A new member's dues will be reduced for the first six months of membership. The dues for the first 6 months will be \$125 per quarter. The dues will go up to \$225 per quarter after 6 months of membership.

The board also began discussion of the Associate Member pilot and the Corporate Member pilot program. We will continue to look at these two pilot programs as ways to recruit new members to our club.

If you have suggestions as to how we can change the club to become more attractive to new members, please feel free to share them with the board. The "Status Quo has got to go!"



## Scribbles...

### Gene Gabus

#### Gabus Automotive

Compressed natural gas is a clean alternative fuel that is safer than other fuels, in the event of a spill since it is lighter than air, and disperses quickly when released. Compressed natural gas is also abundant throughout North America, therefore, reducing our dependency on foreign oil. Natural gas companies like BP have begun installing natural gas filling pumps across the United States and garage filling compress pumps are available that simply connect to a homeowner's natural gas supply.

Gene Gabus is six to seven months away from beginning sales of the Noble line of compressed natural gas vehicles. Most of the crash tests have been completed and Gene Gabus is ready to start the advanced airbag tests.

*Mr. Gabus then entertained questions:*

**Question** – Is there less pollution with compressed natural gas cars?

**Answer** – There is no pollution if the engine runs right, the byproduct is water.

**Question** – What is the price tag on the Noble compressed natural gas car?

**Answer** – \$16,900

**Question** – How long does it take to fill a compressed natural gas car at a station like BP?

**Answer** – About 3 ½ minutes.

**Question** – Which car would Gene Gabus choose, electric or compressed natural gas?

**Answer** – Compressed natural gas.

**Question** – Who is the target audience for compressed natural gas cars?

**Answer** – Baby Boomers as their second car.

**Question** – How many miles to gallon does a compressed natural gas car get?

**Answer** – 60 miles to the gallon, the car gets at least 200 miles a tank.



Scribe,  
Brenda Auxier-Mailey

### 2011-12 Officers & Directors

Wanda Armstrong, President  
Brad Helgemo, President Elect  
Leslie Malcom, Secretary  
Dan Boes, Treasurer  
Ed Arnold, Director  
Jim Arthur, Director  
Jenifer M-K, Director  
Gil DeRoos, Director  
James Alan Smidt, Director  
Eric Dickinson, Past President  
Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec  
Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

### Future Programs

11/4: Josh Asche  
Hy-Vee

11/11: Leslie Garman  
Des Moines Metro Opera

## 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, Mama Lacona's (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)

## Roving Ambassadors

Liz Nead	E-club	9/23
Leslie Malcom	Cozumel Rotary	9/14 & 9/22
Dave Piersel	Johnston Rotary BBQ	9/19
Larry Sample	Johnston Rotary BBQ	9/19
Jim Pittman	Johnston Rotary BBQ	9/19
James Alan Smidt	E-club	9/2
Dave Piersel	District Leader Training	9/27
Dianne D-Nelson	Ankeny Rotary	10/4
Leslie Malcom	Eclub--3 make-ups	
James Alan Smidt	Board Meeting	8/17
Randy Taber	Winterset Rotary	8/25
Randy Taber	Winterset Rotary	9/1
Randy Taber	Winterset Rotary	9/8
Doyle Sanders	Johnston Rotary	10/14
Jim Pittman	E-Club	10/10
Brenda A-M	E-Club	10/7
Roger Nyberg	Dallas Center Rotary	10/7
Randy Gambill	Veterans Hospital	
Jim Pittman	E-Club	10/25
Wanda Armstrong	CFUM	10/24
Dianne D-Nelson	CFUM	10/24
Eric Dickinson	CFUM	10/24
Joe Kobes	CFUM	10/24
Jim Lipscomb	CFUM	10/24
Jim Arthur	CFUM	10/24
Ed Arnold	CFUM	10/24
Dave Piersel	CFUM	10/24
Larry Sample	CFUM	10/24

# SAVE THE DATES!



### Club Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

Christopher's - 6:00 - 9:00

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

**Friday 12/16 2-8 p.m.**

**Saturday 12/17 10-noon & 2-4 p.m.**

*(Contact Ed Arnold for more information)*

### Iowa Energy Polio Plus Game

**Saturday, January 21, 2012**

Wells Fargo Arena - 7:00

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

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## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Phil Houle</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Chuck Corwin</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Jim Pittman</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Kevin Smith</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Brenda A-Mailey</b>
Phil Houle, Nov 4	Richard Cummings, Nov 4	Brenda A-M, Nov 4	TBA, Nov 4	Jenifer M-K, Nov 4
Liz Nead, Nov 11	Jim Lipscomb, Nov 11	Dan Boes, Nov 11	Jim Pittman, Nov 11	Mark Andrews, Nov 11
Doyle Sanders, Nov 18	Gil DeRoos, Nov 18	Jeff Bremer, Nov 18	Julia Taylor, Nov 18	Ed Arnold, Nov 18