



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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October 7, 2011

Don Patterson
District Governor

Arranged By:
Wanda Armstrong

Greeter:
Phil Houle

Invocation:
Wendi Wilson

Sergeant:
Gene Gabus

Scribe:
David Piersel

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- Wanda Armstrong, President
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- Leslie Malcom, Secretary
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- Ed Arnold, Director
- David Crandall, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- James Alan Smidt, Director
- Eric Dickinson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

Future Programs

- 10/14:** Craig Huff
National Pork Board
- 10/21:** Gary Selof
Iowa National Guard

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Take a beautiful fall evening, add great food and an awesome group of Rotarians, families and friends and you have our Fall Family Picnic. Our numbers were small but that didn't stop us from having a great time of visiting. Jester Park was a beautiful spot to hold this event. Check out pictures from the event. Hopefully if we do this again we will have a larger group.

Thanks to the Rotarians and spouses that stayed and helped me clean up. Your help was greatly appreciated.



Scribbles...

Mary Polson

Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN)

Mary Polson is the Executive Director of Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN). UCAN was formerly known as the Urbandale Community Action Council until its re-formation in July 2010. The organization has a nine-member board of directors and is the umbrella organization for the following groups:

- Urbandale Caring Corp.
- Urbandale Food Pantry
- Leadership Urbandale
- Friends of the Park
- Character Counts

The stated goal and mission for UCAN is to "be a catalyst for positive community action and spirit." UCAN will be launching a major capital campaign in the next two months, so watch for details and check their website at www.urbandalenetwork.org.

The food pantry has become the busiest of the different groups and averages over 250 families and 650 individuals who receive food each month. Last year, monetary donations to

the food pantry totaled nearly \$82,000.

The Caring Corp. is one of the original groups formed and continues to grow each year. One of its most popular services is providing rides to doctor appointments throughout the metro area, and it is averaging over 60 rides per month. Next month is the bi-annual property clean-up day that is held in the Spring and Fall each year. If you are interested and available, the Fall clean-up day is Saturday, November 5th.

Finally, the next major project for the organization is the Beautification of Douglas Ave. This project will focus on landscaping the median and intersections along Douglas Ave. from the original city center at 70th St. all the way west to the interstate.

Scribe
John Pittman



Rotary Fall Family Picnic 2011



We'll Be Singing . . .

America the Beautiful
 Song Time:
 The 4-Way Test (#18)
 Smiles

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

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SEE YOU THERE!

Friday, October 14, 2011,
 We'll be teeing off beginning at 1:08 pm with groups teeing off in succession, so we should wrap up by 6 pm.



Club Golf Outing
 Friday, October 14, 2011

Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Chairperson: Phil Houle	Chairperson: Chuck Corwin	Chairperson: Jim Pittman	Chairperson: Kevin Smith	Chairperson: Brenda A-Mailey
Gil DeRoos, Oct 14	Brenda A-M, Oct 14	Ed Arnold, Oct 14	Leslie Malcom, Oct 14	Roger Nyberg, Oct 14
Chuck Corwin, Oct 21	Diane Porter, Oct 21	James Arthur, Oct 21	Diane D-Nelson, Oct 21	Liz Nead, Oct 21
Wanda Armstrong, Oct 28	Beth Goedken, Oct 28	John Asche, Oct 28	Kevin Smith, Oct 28	Brenda A-M, Oct 28