



NOR'WESTER

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

Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

As most of you know, this next week is our annual golf outing to be held at Urbandale Golf and Country Club. Lunch will begin at 11:30 for all Rotarians and golfing will start at about noon. If you haven't had a chance to be a part of this annual event, you are truly missing out on a fun social time with your fellow Rotarians. We play best ball, so even if you are not a great golfer, you are bound to have a great time. Make plans now to be a part of the outing!
Rick Grant is heading up the event so let him know this week that you can play.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Rotary Volunteers

Diana Reed arranged the Rotary Volunteers program and our speaker, Merle Anderson. Mr. Anderson is a Registered Rotary Volunteer and chairs the District 6000 Rotary Volunteer committee. He lives in Eldridge, IA six months of the year and travels the other six months. A Rotary Volunteer has obligations of reporting on activities and sharing the experience in addition to the actual assigned duties. Merle retired 9 years ago and felt it was time to pay back for the help he had received from others during his career.

The motto - Service Above Self is the ultimate for a volunteer. www.volunteer-match.org is a ready source for your review. Try it - I entered 50265 Zip Code and noted 187 matches. Also, if you are interested try www.rotary.org and click Service and fellowship, then under Project resources click Volunteers, then, ProjectLink

Merle is a member of CNFA, Citizen Network for Foreign Affairs, Washington, DC and serves as a business consultant in the area of health development. He recently volunteered his services in Moldova, one of the poorest countries that formerly made up the Soviet Union. This country exists primarily on agriculture. It has rich soil but

no other valuable minerals but is known for vineyards and wine exports. Farming income was zero. Families live in villages to support collective farms. No plumbing or running water. The farms were divided into plots and given back to the farmers/families = 2 ½ acres per person (a football field approximates 1 acre). Among other things, Merle taught them about milk cooperatives and trained the locals in milk receiving cooperatives (collection/container process) where the farmer gets paid based on quality of production. The challenge was to win their trust. He taught the 4 Way Test which was a big jump for them. Also implemented higher pay for higher quality and the business approach - be honest, fair weights and measures, pay on time.

In conclusion, "when you are volunteering, the people do not care about what you know until they know that you care".

Larry Sample,
Scribe



October 9, 2009
Program:

Shoes That Fit

Arranged By:
Leslie Malcom
Greeter:
Jim Arthur
Invocation:
Roger Nyberg
Sergeant:
Rick Grant
Scribe:
Dick Amick

2009-10

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Future Programs

10/16: GOLF OUTING
10/23: A.J. Johnson
City Manager Urbandale

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)



We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening:
America The Beautiful

Song Time: Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

Vocational Service

Vocational Service is the second Avenue of Service. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering career guidance and occupational information to young people and helping them make vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. Regardless of the ways in which Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions". That's why the second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

BIRTHDAYS

October 3

Dave

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BIRTHDAYS



Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

GOLF OUTING, Oct. 16

Brad Helgemo, Oct. 23

TBA, Oct. 30

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Chairperson:

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GOLF OUTING, Oct. 16

Eric Dickinson, Oct. 23

Matt Bunker, Oct. 30

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Chairperson:

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GOLF OUTING, Oct. 16

Dave Nagel, Oct. 23

Jenifer M-K, Oct. 30

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

GOLF OUTING, Oct. 16

Cam Torstenson, Oct. 23

Dianne D-Nelson, Oct. 30

Scribe

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