



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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November 12, 2010

Prez Sez...

Eric Dickinson

Mary Gillaspey
Metro Waste Authority

Arranged By:

Leslie Malcom

Greeter:

Wyatt Earp

Invocation:

Jim Lipscomb

Sergeant:

Leslie Malcom

Scribe:

Bill Grask

Hearing

About 278 million people around the world have lost most or all of their hearing in both ears. The World Health Organization estimates that half the cases of deafness and hearing impairment world-wide can be prevented through early diagnosis and treatment. In the United States, more than 35 million children and adults live with some degree of hearing loss. Of those, more than 22 million between the ages of 20 and 69 have permanent damage. For at least 90 percent of people with hearing impairments, hearing aids result in improved communication.



However, unlike eyeglasses, which can often restore 20/20 vision, hearing aids do not return hearing to normal. According to the World Health Organization, less than 3% of people in developing countries who are in need of a hearing aid have one.

Scribbles...

Corliss Klaassen

A Little Bit About a Lot of Things

Doyle Sanders reported that as a result of points donated by members, Paul Harris fellowships will be awarded to Jaime Wurts (posthumously) and Angie Wurts. Brad Helgemo and Dianne Downing-Nelson will be personally delivering the Fellowship materials to Angie.

In order for our club to attain all Paul Harris status, we will need to donate 3,000 points to the non-qualified members. Anyone can sign up to donate, and donated points will be pro-rated among the donors. A club only has to qualify once to attain this status; addition of new members will not affect this achievement.

Wanda Armstrong reported that we have set up reading corners at three medical facilities. We will monitor their use, and replace books as needed.

Ed Arnold reported that tickets are ready for distribution for the Iowa Energy / Polio Plus game on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Jenifer is hoping to sing the national anthem, and the half time show is Quick Change, a sort of magic act. Get your tickets!

The main program was presented by past District Governor Corliss Klassen, regarding the Rotary Foundation. Gov. Klassen explained how our donations to the Foundation are distributed among three fund "pots," and how the funds in those "pots" are applied to various projects, both locally and internationally. Despite the sad condition of our economy, Rotary raised \$671,755 in 2008-2009, and \$745,826 in 2009-2010. Rotary is the Number one charitable organization, when compared to other service organization such as Lions, Optimist Club and Kiwanis. Gov. Klassen reminded us that a goal of Rotary is to be "Serving those less fortunate than ourselves."

Jenifer M-K, Scribe

2010 Officers & Directors

- Eric Dickinson, President
- Wanda Armstrong, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Marcus Dunn, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Jim Arthur, Director
- Dan Boes, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- Wendi Wilson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

Future Programs

11/19: Iowa Energy

11/26: No Meeting

Reading Corners

Elections!!!



Reading Corners were recently set up in three clinics in the Urbandale-Clive area.

The sites are: Urbandale Family Physicians, Merle Hay Family Medicine, and Mercy West Pediatric Clinic. Thanks to money from the Charles Gabus Memorial Bike ride money, the clinics were all provided with a book display and 35 new books, a small literacy theme rug, a rocking chair and literacy posters for the wall.

Election of Officers/Directors

Friday December 3, we will be voting on the following positions as presented at Friday's (11/5) meeting.

President -Elect	Brad Helgemo
Treasurer	Dan Boes
Secretary	Leslie Malcomb
Director (2 year term)	James Alan Smidt
Director (2 year term)	David Crandall
Director (1 year term)	Ed Arnold

These Rotarians will be joined by Directors Diane Porter and Jenifer MK.



We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening: The Star Spangled Banner
 Song Time:
 God Bless America
 You're A Grand Old Flag

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

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BIRTHDAYS

Nov 7 Joe Kobes
 Nov 10 Kevin Smith
 Nov 10 Jenifer M-K
 Nov 11 Wanda Armstrong

Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> Leslie Malcom	<i>Chairperson:</i> Wanda Armstrong	<i>Chairperson:</i> Jim Pittman	<i>Chairperson:</i> Beth Goedken	<i>Chairperson:</i> Larry Sample
Leslie Malcom, Nov. 19	Gene Gabus, Nov. 19	Leslie Malcom, Nov. 19	Kevin Smith, Nov. 19	Chuck Corwin, Nov. 19
No Meeting, Nov. 26	No Meeting, Nov. 26	No Meeting, Nov. 26	No Meeting, Nov. 26	No Meeting, Nov. 26
Paul Kirpes, Dec. 3	Beth Goedken, Dec. 3	Joe Kobes, Dec. 3	Dianne D-N, Dec. 3	Phil Houle, Dec. 3