



# NOR'WESTER

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

November 18, 2011

## Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

### Foundation Program

Arranged By:

Doyle Sanders

Greeter:

Gil DeRoos

Invocation:

Jeff Bremer

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Ed Arnold

**The Rotary Foundation is the primary way in which we are involved in the 4th avenue of service - International Service.**

The "Matching Grants" program of the Foundation assists Rotary Clubs and districts in carrying out humanitarian international service projects in cooperation with Rotarians in another country. Whether it's service roads, wells, reservoirs, dams, latrines, toilet blocks, or water supplies, Matching Grants

programs are the "down-to-earth" projects that make such a difference to the truly poor of the world. Unfortunately, demand for Matching Grants far outstrips our current resources. This is why the Every Rotarian Every Year is so critical. With nearly 1.2 million members world-wide, the Foundation COULD be receiving and allocating \$120 million or more each year instead of our current \$90 million that is available now.



## Scribbles...

### Leslie Garman

#### Des Moines Metro Opera

Leslie Garman gave us an overview of the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera's operations as they begin to celebrate their 40th season.

The DMMO was founded 40 years ago by Dr. Robert Larson and Douglas Duncan. Last year Dr. Larson became Artistic Director Emeritus and Michael Egel became DMMO's second Artistic Director.

DMMO is unique in several respects. Staging productions in a small venue at the Blank Center for Performing Arts on the Simpson College campus gives the audience an intimate experience of each opera. Secondly, by scheduling the season while most companies are off, world class talent is competing for the roles.

DMMO has a very strong educational aspect to their operations. The Opera Iowa Educational Traveling Troupe is comprises

6-8 young professionals whose passion is helping young people all across our state to appreciate and enjoy all aspects of an opera production. The Apprentice Artists program is a highly competitive training experience for artists who are in the transition from formal education to their professional careers. 800-1000 artist audition for the 40 spots that are available. This program trains the next generation of artists and is the basis for the annual Stars of Tomorrow production. Finally, the Operation Opera Community Outreach provides free performance to audiences that might not otherwise be exposed to opera.

You can support this gem by:

- 1) attending productions;
- 2) joining an opera guild;
- 3) volunteering.

For more information see:

**www.desmoinesmetroopera.org**



Scribe,  
Mark McAndrews

### 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

11/25: No Meeting

12/2: Club Assembly

12/9: No Meeting  
Holiday Party Week!!!

## 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

Ed Arnold	Iowa Energy/Polio Plus	11/8
Eric Dickinson	Iowa Energy/Polio Plus	11/8
Wanda Armstrong	December Board Mtg	11/9
Bill Corwin	December Board Mtg	11/9
Eric Dickinson	December Board Mtg	11/9
Brad Helgemo	December Board Mtg	11/9
Leslie Malcom	December Board Mtg	11/9
Liz Nead	December Board Mtg	11/9
Jim Arthur	December Board Mtg	11/9
Ed Arnold	December Board Mtg	11/9
James Alan Smidt	December Board Mtg	11/9
Jenifer M-K	December Board Mtg	11/9
Gil DeRoos	December Board Mtg	11/9
Dan Boes	December Board Mtg	11/9
Wendi Wilson	Membership Com Mtg	11/11
Diana Reed	Membership Com Mtg	11/11
Chuck Corwin	Membership Com Mtg	11/11
Wanda Armstrong	Membership Com Mtg	11/11

## Happy Thanksgiving



Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.  
 WT Purkiser



*We'll Be Singing . . .*

To Be  
 Announced!!!

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

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**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

## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Chairperson: <b>Phil Houle</b>	Chairperson: <b>Chuck Corwin</b>	Chairperson: <b>Jim Pittman</b>	Chairperson: <b>Kevin Smith</b>	Chairperson: <b>Brenda A-Mailey</b>
No Meeting, Nov 25	No Meeting, Nov 25	No Meeting, Nov 25	No Meeting, Nov 25	No Meeting, Nov 25
Wanda Armstrong, Dec 2	Chuck Corwin, Dec 2	Bill Corwin, Dec 2	Marv Johnson, Dec 2	Jim Lipscomb, Dec 2
No Meeting, Dec. 9	No Meeting, Dec. 9	No Meeting, Dec. 9	No Meeting, Dec. 9	No Meeting, Dec. 9