

NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

Wow what a week we have had with the weather! Many of us were unable to get to work on Wednesday...an unexpected chance to spend time with family.

This month is all about family. The spouses and children of our members that support us in our projects and meetings all year round. Each of us would not be able to accomplish what we do without their constant support.

Take time this month to let your loved ones know how much they mean to you!

See you Monday Night at the Christmas Party!!



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Carol Warren Progress Industries

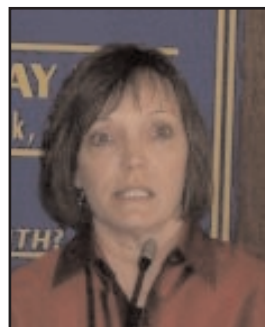
Pat and Chris from Iowa Energy took a few minutes to promote the January Polio Plus event. Tickets will be \$16.00 - \$8.00 will go to Polio Plus. Dick Cummings proudly announced the success of the Drake soccer program and suggested we keep our eyes on # 17.

Paul Kirpes introduced Carol Warren who has been helping Progress Industries in making a difference in the lives of people every day. Progress Industries has been operating for 30 years and now has headquarters in Newton with an office in Johnston. On an annual basis, they provide training for more than 280 children and adults in central Iowa. They employ 275 people to provide residential, vocational and community access services that fulfill their mission to change the world for people with disabilities. Training and opportunities are provided allowing individuals to pursue their dreams and gain skills. Residential services encourage cooking skills, personal hygiene and budgeting. Vocational services provide job coaching and workshop, packaging and assembly jobs.

The Vision is for each person to say, I have a job that I love, I am proud of my home, I have friends in the community and I make a difference. The Core Values are integrity, passion for people, teamwork, service excellence, success driven.

If Progress Industries were to completely meet their goal, they would put themselves out of business. However, that is unlikely as a result of significant increase in children born with autism and increasing needs in other areas. Individuals in the Iowa case system is a major source of program participants. Progress Industries is a non profit organization that relies heavily on government and state funding. Recent budget cuts will have its impact. There are volunteer opportunities for those who are interested.

Larry Sample,
Scribe



December 11, 2009

Program:

Rick Burns
Iraq Veteran

Arranged By:
Phil Houle
Greeter:
Tim Sitzmann
Invocation:
Paul Kirpes
Sergeant:
John Pittman
Scribe:
Gil DeRoos

2009-10

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Future Programs

1/15: Jerry Fleagle
IA Grocers Association

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)

Rotary Minute...

The Purpose of Doing Good in the World

The Foundation was established ... "for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." It took eleven years - from 1917 to 1928, before the Foundation had assets of \$5,000. In 1930 the very first grant was made to the International Society for Crippled Children - later to be known as the Easter Seals organization. Like the proverbial acorn, the Foundation has grown to a mighty oak. Last year Rotarians contributed over \$93 million to the Annual Programs Fund, \$12 million to the Permanent Fund, and \$6 million in Restricted Giving, a total of \$111 million! We are making a difference throughout the world.



We'll Be Singing . . .

Seasonal
Favorites!!

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

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BIRTHDAYS

December 10

**Leslie
Malcom**

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Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

No Meeting, Dec. 18

No Meeting, Dec. 25

No Meeting, Jan. 1

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

No Meeting, Dec. 18

No Meeting, Dec. 25

No Meeting, Jan. 1

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

No Meeting, Dec. 18

No Meeting, Dec. 25

No Meeting, Jan. 1

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

No Meeting, Dec. 18

No Meeting, Dec. 25

No Meeting, Jan. 1

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

No Meeting, Dec. 18

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