

NOR'WESTER

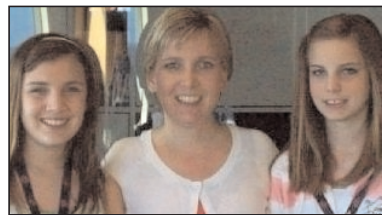
Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines

Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

As of 31 December, Rotarians have raised approximately \$107 million for the \$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

Our efforts along with the other clubs from the Metro raised \$8000 in the Iowa Energy/Polio Plus Fundraiser. Under Ed Arnold's leadership, our club raised nearly \$2700!!! This demonstrates to me what a fantastic club we belong to. Thank you everyone for your efforts!



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Del Christiansen IRIS, Inc.

Nancy Johnson introduced Del Christiansen, Executive Director of IRIS, Inc. Del, a visiting Rotarian from Adel Club has been with Iowa Resource for International Service since 2003. IRIS was founded as a peace institute in 1993 by Former Iowa Lieutenant Governor Bob Anderson. IRIS is a non-profit, non-religious organization located in Ames that has since transformed into an organization focused on promoting international peace and understanding by hosting several cultural exchange programs that bring visitors to Iowa, as well as special programs that send Iowans abroad.

The program has brought 1,100 visitors to Iowa. They live with host families that hope to share ideas that they can take back home. IRIS, through the Youth Exchange and Study program has hosted high school students where the students participate in community service. Other programs include women in government (Women in Nigeria - WiN

Leadership Project), women entrepreneurs (two groups from South Africa), peace education for teachers from Southern Sudan, minority rights program Republic of Georgia, and citizen dialog groups from Ukraine.

In summary, a major objective is to provide participants skills to make their home community and country a better place. Volunteers and contributions are welcome. If you want to volunteer and develop international friendships, please visit the website at www.iris-center.org or phone 515-292-7103 or toll free 866-333-6944. IRIS is looking for host families for May 6-21 in Ames and Des Moines for 10 visitors from Serbia.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sample



February 19, 2010
 Program:

Jim Arthur

The Mayan Civilization

Arranged By:

Nancy Johnson

Greeter:

Nancy Johnson

Invocation:

Dick Cummings

Sergeant:

Marcus Dunn

Scribe:

Phil Houle

2009-10

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Wendi Wilson, President
- Eric Dickinson, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Wanda Armstrong, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Jim Arthur, Director
- Chuck Corwin, Director
- Rick Grant, Director
- Marcus Dunn, Director
- Cam Torstenson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Mark McAndrews, Exec Treas

Future Programs

2/26: Judge Larry Eisenhauer

3/5: Dave Bush
 Extraordinary Help

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:

Sing Out a Song of Rotary - #64
Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

Lessons in Rotary Geography

- Were you aware that the Rotary Club of Reno, Nevada, USA, is farther west than the Rotary Club of Los Angeles?
- **Would you guess that the meetings of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine, USA, are farther south than those of the clubs in London, England?**
 - Can you imagine that the Rotary Club of Pensacola, Florida, USA, is west of the Detroit, Michigan, USA, club?
- **There are 143 Rotary clubs with Tokyo in their club names.**
 - The Rotary Club of Nome, Alaska, USA, lies west of the club in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
- **What do the Rotary clubs of Quito, Ecuador; Libreville, Gabon; Singapore; and Kampala, Uganda, have in common?**
You guessed right if you said they all meet approximately on the equator.

BIRTHDAYS

February 12
Dick Cummings

February 13
Rick Grant

February 18
Diana Reed

Nancy Johnson

BIRTHDAYS



Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Nancy Johnson, Feb. 26

Kevin Smith, March 5

Dave Nagel, March 12

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

Wanda Armstrong, Feb. 26

Don Chafa, March 5

Chuck Corwin, March 12

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

James Arthur, Feb. 26

Cam Torstenson, March 5

Julia Taylor, March 12

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

Marv Johnson, Feb. 26

John Pittman, March 5

Dave Smith, March 12

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Marv Johnson, Feb. 26

Nancy Johnson, March 5

Paul Kirpes, March 12