



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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February 24, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Eddie Ellis

El Salvador Report

Arranged By:

Brad Helgemo

Greeter:

Doyle Sanders

Invocation:

Marv Johnson

Sergeant:

Leslie Malcom

Scribe:

Bill Grask



Saturday June 23, 2012

4th Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride

We are gearing up for the 4th Annual Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride. This is a very important project for our club. Not only does it fulfill our Rotarian commitment in philanthropy, but it also helps raise community awareness for our club.

The board voted five years ago that the Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride would be our fund raiser for the year. We are asking that all members support this fund raising effort by selling at least \$100 in raffle tickets-more would be great. Stay tuned for more information about the bike ride.



Scribbles...

Bill Riley

Today's program was arranged by Vicki Foresman and she was very pleased to introduce Bill Riley as the speaker. Bill shared with us some of the facts and stories concerning his father Bill Riley, Sr. who is widely known for the Iowa Talent Program that he began 54 years ago. Bill relayed to us some of the interesting information that his father basically developed his career first in newspaper business and then went on into both radio and television. His father wrote a book in his late 70's that gave some information concerning his life but a second book was started later that contains more of a historical account particularly concerning the Talent Program and the Iowa State Fair. The title of the book is Sixty Years on the Air and at the Fair. In preparing this book his dad had handwritten notes and began to work on the computer a little when he was in his 80's but passed away in December of 2005 before the book was completed. The book traces Bill Senior's career and contains some of the following information:

Newspaper years -- He left the army in 1943 with a bad knee. While in the army he was an MP with a height of 5 ft. and 4 3/4 inches. He went to work at the US Department of Agriculture in the public relations department.

Radio -- in the late 40's he went to work for what became known as KRNT as a news editor and sports reporter. On Sunday's he read the comics over the radio with Cloris Leachman, another well-known Iowan. While in radio he started working with variety shows with kids on the "Hey Bob Show" which stands for "be on the beam" and was a safety program.

Television -- He moved on to television and was at the State Fair in 1946 when the first TV arrived there. His first television spot came in 1955 with what is now KCCI and included local programming that included such shows as Teen Time, the Breakfast Club and the Zoo Show.

Bill Junior took over the Iowa Talent Program 14 years ago after spending several years of his life in the construction industry.

Scribe,
Diana Reed



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Future Programs

- 3/2: Rebuilding Together-Greater Des Moines
- 3/9: Captain Stanley Manus Iowa National Guard

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)



We'll Be Singing . . .

America the Beautiful

Song Time:

God Bless America

You're A Grand Old Flag (#80)

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

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A Rotary Valentine



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 12 Dick Cummings

Feb 18 Diana Reed

Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> Phil Houle	<i>Chairperson:</i> Chuck Corwin	<i>Chairperson:</i> Jim Pittman	<i>Chairperson:</i> Kevin Smith	<i>Chairperson:</i> Brenda A-Mailey
Gene Gabus, March 2	Chuck Corwin, March 2	Joe Kobes, March 2	Liz Nead, March 2	Wyatt Earp, March 2
Phil Houle, March 9	Bill Corwin, March 9	Jim Lipscomb, March 9	Jim Pittman, March 9	Gene Gabus, March 9
Chuck Corwin, March 16	Ed Arnold, March 16	Leslie Malcom, March 16	Josh Asche, March 16	Vicky Foresman, March 16