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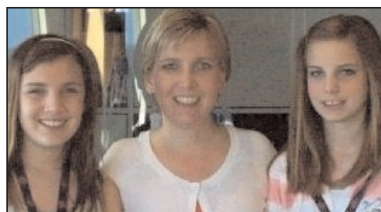
Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

Clean water and sanitation have done more to improve the human condition than any other single invention. About 2.5 million people around the world lack access to clean water and sanitation. Contaminated water and inadequate sanitation exacerbate the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses, resulting in the deaths of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. The Rotary Foundation has selected water and sanitation as one of the 6 areas of focus in its Future Vision Plan. Currently Rotarians are engaged in about 2,000 active clean water projects worldwide. Thank you for being involved in such a great organization!



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Aimee Beckmann-Collier

Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier is Director of Choral Studies at Drake University, where she has taught since 1989. She was introduced by Northwest Rotary's own nightingale, Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski. Aimee is a frequent clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor for high school and college choral festivals and contests throughout the country. She has conducted the New York, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, and Missouri All-State Choruses, the New England Music Festival, and the Iowa Collegiate and Community Chorus Honors Choirs.

An engaging and energetic speaker, with many appropriate hand gestures, Aimee outlined the reasons that participating in choral groups. Students today that are normally solitary, and they benefit from group participation. They gain the added skills including being able to cooperate, work together and focus on a common goal.

Books that she commented upon and suggested we read were "Bowling Alone" by Robert Putnam and "The Earth is Flat" by Tom Friedman.

She has twice conducted in Carnegie Hall and choirs under her direction have sung for the American Choral Directors Association North Central Division convention. In addition, she has conducted the Drake Choir and Chamber Choir in England, Austria, Italy, Germany, and the Czech Republic. She has also served on the adjudication panel for the American Choral Directors Association national conducting competition.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Gambill



February 5, 2010

Program:

Mike Chapman

Iowa History Museum

Arranged By:

Nancy Johnson

Greeter:

Jeff Bremer

Invocation:

Marcus Dunn

Sergeant:

Ed Arnold

Scribe:

Bill Grask

2009-10

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Future Programs

2/12: Del Christiansen
IRIS, Inc.

2/19: K. Zimmerman
United Way of Des Moines

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 (My country tis of thee)

Song Time:

I've Been Working on the Railroad - #41
Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

World Understanding Month

February is designated World Understanding Month on the Rotary calendar. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary, held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

The RI Board asks all Rotary clubs to observe World Understanding Month by planning programs for their weekly meetings and undertaking special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international service activity to make contact with a Rotary club in another country. February is also a good time to initiate a Rotary Friendship Exchange or encourage support for Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to promote Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace, and understanding among people of the world.



Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Nancy Johnson, Feb. 12

Nancy Johnson, Feb. 19

Nancy Johnson, Feb. 26

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

Paul Kirpes, Feb. 12

Nancy Johnson, Feb. 19

Wanda Armstrong, Feb. 26

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

Gil DeRoos, Feb. 12

Dick Cummings, Feb. 19

James Arthur, Feb. 26

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

Brad Helgemo, Feb. 12

Marcus Dunn, Feb. 19

Marv Johnson, Feb. 26

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Brad Helgemo, Feb. 12

Phil Houle, Feb. 19

Marv Johnson, Feb. 26