



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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March 16, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Kent Sovern

AARP

Arranged By:
Chuck Corwin

Greeter:
Ed Arnold

Invocation:
Leslie Malcom

Sergeant:
John Asche

Scribe:
Vicky Foresman

Wendi Wilson, chair of the membership committee, announced at Friday's meeting the details of our "March Madness" membership campaign. We are asking that members sign up with a teammate Friday to recruit a new member. Wendi will have a sheet for teams of two to sign up. If you do not sign up, the membership committee will assign you a teammate. All members bringing a prospective member as a guest by April 27 will receive steak for their dinner May 4. Those members that do not bring a prospective member during this time will eat beans for their dinner May 4. If your guest joins the club by June 15, you will receive a \$25 restaurant gift card. All members bringing in a new member during this time will then have their names placed in a drawing for Paul Harris points. In recruiting prospective members look at your own area of expertise. RI has relaxed the requirements that a club can only have one person in each classification. We certainly have room for more grocers, eye doctors, and fund raisers as an example.



Scribbles...

Captain Stanley Manus

Iowa National Guard
Greater Des Moines

The March 9 program for Northwest Rotary was two gentlemen from the Iowa National Guard. Captain Stanley Manus Chaplin, Major Matthew W. Stephenson. Both of these gentlemen are full time guard members. The program was about the training before you are deployed and the "Reintegration The Challenge of the Road Home"

The soldiers will have 45 to 60 days of training before they are deployed to war and this training is 14 to 20 hours each and everyday to get them prepared for what will happen in the war zone. When they come back home they will have 7 days of decompression training to get them ready for going home. All of this training was started in 2000 when the Guard became such a large part of the fight force. With a lot of this coming from the Vietnam wars and the problems that soldiers had then. What training you need to do with Citizen-Soldiers is different from what the regular soldiers do when they come home. From Warrior to Citizen-Soldier, the Chaplin

talked about his job in listening and counseling soldiers after the pre training period when they come home for 30 days before they are deployed to counseling during the time at war and then the return getting the citizen-soldier back into being a husband, father and getting back to work at his regular job.



This deployment was a mentoring and police job over in Afghanistan plus helping the locals do Economic building. One of the hardest items to work with is the local's pocketing so much money to be able to get jobs done. It was hard for them and a big job to track the dollars and still try and run a War. Also when working with the people over in Afghanistan and trying to train them when most are illiterate. We are glad they are home and hope that we can keep the Iowa Guard in Iowa for a long time now.

Gene Gabus-Scribe

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

- 3/23: John Rozycki
Drake University Professor
- 3/30: Dennis Goldford
Drake University Professor
- 4/6: Mitch Matthew
Big Dream Gathering

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

Gene Gabus	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Wendi Wilson	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Ed Arnold	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Chuck Corwin	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Vicky Foresman	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Roger Freerksen	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Brad Helgemo	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Phil Houle	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Joe Kobes	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Mary Polson	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Kevin Smith	Bike Ride Com. Mtg.	3/8
Diana Reed	Inter. Grants Com.	2/16
Diana Reed	Club/Decatur County	1/26
Diana Reed	Club of Leon	1/28
Diana Reed	NC Pets Meeting	1/28
Dan Boes	Ames Rotary	2/13

International News!

Rotary Receives About 2.5 Million United Airline Miles for Humanitarian Projects!

Thank you to all those at United -- including President and CEO Jeff Smisek -- for their generosity and the opportunity to participate in United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. And thank you to everyone who voted for us. We couldn't have done it without your participation and persistence.

For the miles giveaway, we officially came in second place and will receive 2,488,070 charity miles from United. Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals.

Although the giveaway wasn't announced in advance, Rotarians and friends of Rotary quickly and enthusiastically got the word out through social media, and we went from 18th place to second place. This enabled us to receive a larger portion of the 10 million airline miles that United was donating. In addition, we congratulate the Shriners, who took first place.



We'll Be Singing . . .

America, the Beautiful

Song Time:

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling (#77)
 Smiles

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

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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
Phil Houle, March 23	Roger Freerksen, March 23	Mark McAndrews, March 23	Gil DeRoos, March 23	Brenda A-M, March 23
Phil Houle, March 30	TBA, March 30	Mark McAndrews, March 30	Roger Freerksen, March 30	Wyatt Earp, March 30
Liz Nead, April 6	TBA, April 6	Liz Nead, April 6	Gene Gabus, April 6	James Arthur, April 6