



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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March 9, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Captain Stanley Manus

Iowa National Guard

Arranged By:

Phil Houle

Greeter:

Bill Corwin

Invocation:

Jim Lipscomb

Sergeant:

Jim Pittman

Scribe:

Gene Gabus

March is Literacy Month! Basic education and literacy is one of the areas of focus under the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan. More than 770 million adults worldwide do not know how to read. Let's do our part to help a child learn to read. I encourage you to celebrate Literacy Month by reading one of your favorite books to a child. Volunteer to be a part of story hour at your local library or volunteer to read to a child at a local elementary school.



Scribbles...

Kimberly Hansen Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines

homes adding over 6.5 Million to the real estate market value in the Des Moines area.

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines is a 17 year old non-profit organization that helps low income and handicapped homeowners to maintain and modify their homes to fit their needs. Kimberly Hansen, Executive Director, and two part-time employees, run the organization with much of the grassroots work done by volunteers. Funding comes from three sources:

To highlight the impact in our community, Rebuilding Together has an annual work day on the first Saturday in May. Approximately 40 to 60 homes are repaired or improved with over 800 volunteers working together to show support and commitment to these worthwhile projects. Other work days are sponsored by local companies such as Meredith, Wells Fargo, Choice Hotels, Sears and Lowe's.

Regardless of where or for whom revitalization is needed, Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, under the leadership of Kimberly Hansen has made differences in the lives of our citizens so that they may live with dignity.

1. Corporate Sponsorship (60%)
2. State funding provides programs - Senior Emergency Home Repair Modification
3. Private donations.

Since 1995, Rebuilding Together has repaired or rehabilitated more than 1000

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

3/16: Kent Sovern
AARP

3/23: John Rozycki
Drake University Professor

3/30: Dennis Goldford
Drake University Professor

Wyatt Earp, Scribe

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 . . .

The Star-Spangled Banner

Song Time:
When You're Smiling (#82)

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

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Rotary Travels

Following a Patient Through Surgery

Jim Arthur recently returned from this year's District 6000 Iowa M.O.S.T (Miles of Smiles Team) trip to Guatemala.

Below is Jim's narrative from the Miles of Smiles blog <http://iowamost.blogspot.com>: (I would encourage to check out this site for more information about the 2012 trip.):

"Today, Tuesday the 23rd, I was again struck by the dedication and skills of the team of people who make up M.O.S.T. I saw 18 month old Glendy have her cleft palate repaired by the team led by Dr. Brian Andrews. Looking at the top of Glendy's mouth, you could see the hole in the top of the palate, and the entries into the nose were visible in the gap. Because of this she would never be able to be at ease eating in public because some of the food would come out of her nose. The cleft would make her voice sound funny when she talked causing her further grief. Slowly Brian and his team isolated the muscles under the tissues at the edges of the cleft and sewed the two sides of each together. Repair of the rearmost muscle will improve her ability to swallow. After 3 hours of surgery, Glendy had a roof in her mouth and moved to the recovery room.

Glendy was agitated and unhappy as she came out of the anesthetic. The nurses assisted by non-medical members of the team struggled with her to keep her from hurting herself and to prevent her from pulling out her iv tube or pulling off the monitors. She couldn't be released until she could maintain a proper oxygen level. It was slow to come up, and she struggled long and hard. Eventually tender loving care calmed her, and after an even longer time her oxygen level came up. It was a challenge for all concerned, but Glendy left the area calm and with a brighter future ahead of her.

I saw several other children come through recovery from surgery today. It was a moving day, one I will long remember."

We are proud of you Jim for being a part of this trip. Definitely an example of "Service Above Self."

BIRTHDAYS

March 7 Brenda
Auxier-Mailey

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
Chuck Corwin, March 16	Ed Arnold, March 16	Leslie Malcom, March 16	Josh Asche, March 16	Vicky Foresman, March 16
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