



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

Rotary in Haiti Update:

To date, Rotary has delivered more than 100 plane loads and numerous containers of medical supplies, food, water, toys, clothes, bedding and tents. Many volunteer doctors, surgeons and nurses have also been transported by Rotary. The new focus will be in three areas: 1)The children are considered a priority and they must get back to school. In addition to literacy, this ensures one meal a day and keeps them occupied. 2)It is estimated that about 4,000 individuals have had amputations and require prosthetics. D7020 has appointed a committee to coordinate the efforts locally with the numerous organizations interested in helping to provide prosthetics 3)With 1.2 million now homeless, living in tents or under various types of material and the rainy/hurricane season approaching, sustainable housing must be addressed. D7020 has appointed a committee to investigate various types of appropriate ways to provide shelter that can withstand hurricanes and earthquakes.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Peggy Aguilar *Habitat for Humanity*

Peggy Aguilar is a woman who loves her job. She said it is amazing what happens when people of different cultures and faiths come together working for a common cause. She works at Habitat for Humanity and has had the chance to see families lives change.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of sweat equity into building their habitat house and the houses of others.

Families wanting to partner with the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity must meet the following criteria:

- 1.) They must have need - living in substandard housing or no housing at all
- 2.) They must be willing to volunteer 400 hours of sweat equity
- 3.) They are able to repay an interest free mortgage over 20 years.

Peggy said Habitat does not charge interest on its mortgages or profit from them. Mortgage payments go directly into a trust to build more homes. To date no Habitat home has met with foreclosure.

She encouraged us to if we have spare time to volunteer. She said that in September Habitat for Humanity will build 10 houses in 20 days. If you are interested check out their website www.gdmhabitat.org.

Dianne Downing-Nelson, scribe

April 16, 2010

Program:

Tony Timm

Central Iowa Shelter & Svs.

Arranged By:

Paul Kirpes

Greeter:

Jim Arthur

Invocation:

Bertha Sadler

Sergeant:

Brad Helgemo

Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

2009-10

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Future Programs

4/23: Kent Sovern
Iowa Parks Foundation

4/30: Judi Worth
American Red Cross

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: Star Spangled Banner

Song Time:

Sing Rotarians (#65)

Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

EARTH DAY: Ways to save the planet

This month marks the 40th anniversary of what some consider the birth of the modern environmental movement. On April 22, 1970, 20 million people across the United States participated in an environmental protest modeled after anti-Vietnam War teach-ins. This year, more than a billion people around the world are expected to take part in Earth Day celebrations. Rotary clubs have come up with countless creative ways to get involved; here are some projects to inspire ours:

ORGANIZE an Earth Day art competition.

PLANT some trees.

CLEAN UP litter in a park, on a beach, or along a highway.

HOST an Earth Day fair.

START a community vegetable garden.

SPONSOR a creative recycling contest.

HOLD a giant community rummage sale.

DISTRIBUTE reusable bags adorned with the Rotary emblem.

SELL rain barrels as a fundraiser.

INVESTIGATE large-scale projects that recover and recycle waste.

Many Rotary clubs from around the world have done their part in celebrating Earth Day. Lets be a club that does the same.

BIRTHDAYS

April 10

Gene Gabus

April 11

Heidi Nebel

BIRTHDAYS



Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Beth Goedken, April 23

Leslie Malcom, April 30

Chuck Corwin, May 7

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

Don Chafa, April 23

Tim Sitzman, April 30

Brenda Auxier-Mailey, May 7

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

Diana Reed, April 23

Dave Piersel, April 30

Roger Nyberg, May 7

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

Kevin Smith, April 23

TBA, April 30

Rick Grant, May 7

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Roger Nyberg, April 23

John Pittman, April 30

TBA, May 7