



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines

Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

IOWA CUBS BASEBALL

May 26th will be our outing to the Iowa Cub's Baseball game. Game time is 6:30 with a tail-gate starting at 5pm. We will be grilling out but plan to bring your own beverage if you want something other than pop or water. A sign up sheet will go around again this week, please include how many tickets you will need (this is a family event).

CHARLES GABUS MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

As you know, we as a club decided to go outside of the membership to do our major fund-raising. The auction we did for years brought in some money, but the cost to the membership in donating and then re-buying the items was high. Our bike ride is scheduled for June 20th. The raffle tickets are now available in packets of 50. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and should be very easy to sell. Plan on selling at least 2 packets of tickets. We need all of the membership to get behind this event to really be able to benefit our community and our world.



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Elvin McDonald DM Botanical Center

At the age of 4 Mr. McDonald began to work with plants. He learned he had a green thumb and as a child helped many adults with their plants and gardening issues. Mr. McDonald followed his gardening passion which has taken him around the world and given him the opportunity to meet other great gardens.

Here are just a few of Elvin McDonald's accomplishments. In 1951 he founded what has become the Gesneriad Society, which is now worldwide organization. During 1975-1990 he had twice-weekly syndicated gardening column for up to 750 newspapers. 1990-1995 Mr. McDonald was the primary consultant for the Emmy award winning PBS series "Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn. He has worked on committees in Des Moines that designed the Fleur Drive flowers, the downtown planters, gardens at the Salisbury house and Terrace Hill.

Mr. McDonald told great stories of his adventures and lessons he has learned. One important lesson was about a tangled garden hose. He explained that when you are fighting with your garden hose and trying to get it untangled. It may not be your garden hose that is tangled and stressed, more likely it is you. What you need to do is relax and have patience's.

When visiting the Des Moines Botanical Center check out the 145 year old Bonsai tree. Some day Mr. McDonalds hopes the Des Moines Botanical Center will be a place someone can come by for tea and enjoy the beautiful gardens

He also taught me a new term. The term is dead heading. I will no longer prune, instead I will be dead heading.

Scribe
Beth Goedken



May 14, 2010
Program:

Club Program
Video & Awards

Arranged By:
Wendi Wilson
Greeter:
Beth Goedken
Invocation:
Dave Nagel
Sergeant:
Cam Torstenson
Scribe:
Diana Reed

2009-10

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Wendi Wilson, President
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Chuck Corwin, Director
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Mark McAndrews, Exec Treas

Future Programs

5/21: Andy Stoll
Ambassador Scholar
5/28: Cubs Game & Outing

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 . . .

America, the Beautiful

Song Time:

I've Been Workin' 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...

Official Rotary Flag

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 RI Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The name Rotary International printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white.

The first Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri in January 1915. In 1926, a small Rotary flag was carried over the North Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Rotary Club of Winchester, Virginia. He did much the same in his expedition to the South Pole in 1920.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances, it is appropriate to print the words Rotary Club above the wheel symbol and the club's name below the emblem.

The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at RI World Headquarters and at all RI conventions and official events.

BIRTHDAYS



May 9
**Jim
Pittman**

BIRTHDAYS

Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Jeff Bremer, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

Gene Gabus, June 4

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

Brad Helgemo, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

TBA, June 4

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

Mark McAndrews, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

Joe Kobes, June 4

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

Marcus Dunn, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

Marv Johnson, June 4

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Doyle Sanders, May 21

No Meeting, May 28

Dave Smith, June 4