



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Bill Schaefer

WWII Veteran Stories

Arranged By:

Jim Arnold

Greeter:

TBA

Invocation:

Kevin Smith

Sergeant:

Liz Nead

Scribe:

Wyatt Earp

The Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. It provides travel grants for teams of young participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

A GSE team consists of four non-Rotarian business or professional people and a Rotarian team leader. Applicants must: be between the ages of 25 and 40; be committed to remaining in

in the work force well after the exchange; be in the early stages of their careers or professions; reside in or be employed in the sending Rotary district and also be citizens of the country in which they reside; be proficient in the language of the country being visited; be personable, articulate, cooperative, exemplary in their work, and enthusiastic about their vocations; and seek to gain a maximum educational value from the program, as well as be able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel and active participation in an extensive itinerary.



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2011-12 Officers & Directors

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Scribbles...



Jim Arthur
2012 Miles of Smiles Trip

We had three Rotary Presenters, and club member Jim Arthur brought us up to date on the 2012 Miles of Smiles project. Funding is provided by a \$5 per Rotary member per year contribution plus \$10,000 from Johnson & Johnson, and \$20,000 from the Gabus Foundation. Volunteers pay their own way.

Jim traveled on the 7th annual mission trip this year. Iowa MOST is a Rotary District 6000 project, which provides cleft lip and palate surgical repair to individuals living in the western highlands of Guatemala, where there is a significantly higher incidence of the anomaly than in the US. This free surgery serves individuals of extremely limited financial means. Families come from many miles around, and over mountain roads and rough terrain. They

make the difficult trip in hopes that a family member can have surgery that will change a life.

The 2012 Miles of Smiles Team had 36 members from the US, mostly Iowans - 27 are medical personnel: surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, dentists, medical and dental students, bio-medical engineer and nurses. The rest are volunteers who will assist in various capacities. In addition, we will be joined by two Guatemalan doctors and a local translator/organizer.

Biffy Danckwerts of the Rotary Club of Wynberg, in Cape Town, South Africa told us about Khanyisa, a project that assists children and young adults with learning difficulties, that cannot be met through remedial education alone.

Judy Davis McCoy explained a local project.

Chuck Corwin, Scribe



Future Programs

- 6/1: A.J. Johnson
City of Urbandale Projects
- 6/8: John Viars
DM Community Playhouse
- 6/15: Sarah Bidney
PGA: Learning Golf

Prez Sez Continued...

This year District 6000, with help from district 5970, hosted a Group Study Exchange team from District 9910 in New Zealand. For 2012-2013, DGE Terry Geiger has arranged an exchange in April 2013 with District 4340 in Child. A presentation by a GSE team member would make a great program for the club. One of the requirements of the participants when they return is to speak about their tour experiences to Rotary clubs and other groups.



We'll Be Singing . . .

Star Spangled Banner

Song Time:

God Bless America

You're A Grand Old Flag (#80)

Rotary Minute

International Responsibilities of a Rotarian

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although every Rotarian's first responsibility is to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a broader view of international affairs.

"A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech, and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want, and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding others' beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

Giggles



"You need to apply for student loans so you can go to college and get a good job to pay off your student loans."

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

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Important DATE!

CHARLES GABUS MEMORIAL RIDE

4th Annual
Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride
Saturday June 23, 2012
Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park

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, June 1	Vicky Foresman, June 1	Randy Taber, June 1	Marv Johnson, June 1	Brenda A-M, June 1
Jim Arthur, June 8	TBA, June 8	Julia Taylor, June 8	Wendi Wilson, June 8	Brenda A-M, June 8
Phil Houle, June 15	TBA, June 15	TBA, June 15	Jim Pittman, June 15	TBA, June 15