



NOR'WESTER

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

May 4, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Robyn Hofoland

Container Gardening

Arranged By:

Julia Taylor

Greeter:

Vicky Foresman

Invocation:

Larry Sample

Sergeant:

John Pittman

Scribe:

Gil DeRoos

Rotary International recently announced a new service partnership which will support humanitarian efforts by clubs and districts.

Rotary International will combine resources with the Global Food Banking Network to alleviate hunger worldwide. Working with the Global Food Banking Network, Rotary clubs and districts will be able to volunteer at food banks and help create new ones, organize food collection drives, sponsor trucks for food delivery and distribution, raise awareness of hunger, and distribute food to hungry children through the Backpack and other school food programs.

Northwest Des Moines

Rotary is ahead of the game in this area. Our work with the food bank of Urbandale thanks to the District Simplified Grant fits right into this new partnership. Also earlier this year we donated money to UCAN to help get the Backpack Buddy program started at Jensen and Rolling Green Schools. Volunteering at the local food bank will be on the agenda for our May board meeting.



Scribbles...

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

Courtney Thompkins

The PET Project Midwest

Thank you, Liz Nead, for introducing Courtney Tompkins, volunteer member, board of directors of The PET Project Midwest. Courtney introduced Brooklyn, her foster dog, which was rescued from Craigslist for \$30. Pet shelters are full and this organization addresses the problem by being proactive in dealing with abandoned pets. One service is The Iowa Pet Alert, an amber alert system for animals. Local authorities are making good use to supplement their limited resources for dealing with strays. The Pet Pantry provides food and supplies to owners in need. Pets are the first to go when loss of income occurs. This and Meals on Wheels for pets provide ongoing support for those unable to get pet care. The Habitat for Hounds reinforces happy, healthy families.

Courtney introduced Amy Heinz, Executive Director, AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport, Inc. AHeinz57 is a non-profit, foster-based rescue organization in Adel. Fund raising,

public donations, and volunteers provide the funds for operations. No government money is involved.

They bridge the gap between traditional animal shelters and no-kill rescues by providing free transportation for dogs and cats from shelters to rescues over the Midwest and Canada. The Pit Stop, a temporary stop where the dogs get vetted and checked and get lots of attention from volunteers, is located in DeSoto. The foster-based program begins with taking in strays and pulling dogs out of shelters and places them in temporary homes. Once all vet care is taken care of, permanent homes are located through adoption events and posting online.



Volunteers are needed for both organizations.

For additional information go to
www.ThePetProjectMidwest.org
and www.Aheinz57.com

Future Programs

- 5/11:** Lepley Scholarships
- 5/18:** Jim Arthur
2012 Miles of Smiles Trip
- 5/25:** Bill Schaefer
WWII Veteran Stories

Larry Sample, 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 . . .

America, The Beautiful

Song Time:

Smiles

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

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Rotary "Out & About"

District Simplified Grant Meat P/U Project



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
Roger Nyberg, May 11	Mary Polson, May 11	Doyle Sanders, May 11	Brenda A-M, May 11	Bill Grask, May 11
Jim Arthur, May 18	Phil Houle, May 18	James Alan Smidt, May 18	Gene Gabus, May 18	Wyatt Earp, May 18
Jim Arnold, May 25	TBA, May 25	Kevin Smith, May 25	Liz Nead, May 25	Wyatt Earp, May 25