



# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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## June 15, 2012

**Sarah Bidney**

PGA: Learning Golf

Arranged By:

Phil Houle

Greeter:

Roger Freerksen

Invocation:

TBA

Sergeant:

Jim Pittman

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

## Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

The 2011-2012 Rotary year is rapidly coming to an end. My how time flies when you are having fun!

"It takes a village to raise a child"--well it does not take a village to run a weekly Rotary meeting but it does take a group of dedicated Rotarians to make the job of president a lot easier. I would like to thank everybody for helping with the weekly duties this year.

I would especially like to thank the following people for lining Rotarians up for each of the weekly assignments:

Greeter Chairperson - **Chuck Corwin**  
Invocation Chairperson - **Jim Pittman**

Sergeant Chairperson -

**Kevin Smith**

Program Chairperson -

**Phil Houle**

*(his team did an awesome job in lining up terrific programs)*

Scribe Chairperson -

**Brenda A-M**



A special thanks also to our "Professor" of Music - **Dave Piersel** and our musical conductor **Jenifer M-K**.

The above Rotarians made my job of running the weekly meetings a lot easier. I thank you for that.

## 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

## Scribbles...

**John Viars**

**DM Community Playhouse**

John Viars has been pursuing the Playhouse's mission of creating and delivering extraordinary theatre and educational programs for the Des Moines area since 1982.

John led Rotary members through a quick history of the Des Moines Playhouse. Since it was founded in 1919 it has operated under a variety of names and a variety of locations. It is one of the oldest continuously operating community theatres in the US. Some interesting historical facts shared were:

• The theatre's first permanent building was the Congregational church on 35th Street near Grand Avenue.

• In 1953, the theatre's name was changed from The Belle Kendal Playhouse to the Des Moines Community Playhouse and it moved to its current location on 42nd Street.

• In 1956, the Playhouse staff grew with the addition of a children's theatre director.

• In 2012, the Playhouse was awarded Des Moines' Better Together Award, an award recognizing nonprofit organizations, civic groups and individuals who are building social capital in the community.



The Des Moines Community Playhouse is experiencing its most successful season ever with over one million dollars in ticket sales, putting on many top-line performances both on the main stage and Kate Goldman's Children's stage. These will be some of the upcoming productions:

- Moonlight and Magnolias
- Rent
- Sunset Boulevard
- Becky's New Car
- Completeness
- 9 to 5: The Musical
- Lend Me a Tenor
- The Wizard of Oz
- The Monster Under the Bed
- The Kid Who Ran for President
- Seussical

## Future Programs

- 6/22: Dr. Allen Zagoren  
Haiti Relief Trip
- 6/26: TUESDAY Installation  
Party at Mi Mexico
- 7/6: Mark John Conley  
Cambodia

Scribe, Brenda Auxier-Mailey

## Club Information

## Rotary Minute

**Important DATE!**

CHARLES GABUS  
MEMORIAL RIDE



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




### First Names or Nicknames

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Mister, Professor, the Honorable, or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Mary, Karen, or Charley by other Rotarians.

The Characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom. In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asia, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname that relates to some personal characteristic or describes the member's business or profession. For example, a member nicknamed "oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products, while "Trees" might be the nickname for a Rotarian in the lumber business. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn," or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical characteristics.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service.



**Thanks & Farewell!**

Leslie Malcom has resigned from the club and we want to Thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in the future! Thanks Leslie!!



### We'll Be Singing . . .

Star Spangled Banner

Song time:

You're A Grand Old Flag (#80)

Smiles

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

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## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Chairperson: <b>Phil Houle</b>	Chairperson: <b>Chuck Corwin</b>	Chairperson: <b>Jim Pittman</b>	Chairperson: <b>Kevin Smith</b>	Chairperson: <b>Brenda A-Mailey</b>
Diana Reed, June 22	TBA, June 22	Wendi Wilson, June 22	Kevin Smith, June 22	Marv Johnson, June 22
No Meeting, June 29	No Meeting, June 29	No Meeting, June 29	No Meeting, June 29	No Meeting, June 29
Ed Arnold, July 6	TBA, July 6	TBA, July 6	TBA, July 6	TBA, July 6