



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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June 22, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Dr. Allen Zagoren

Haiti Relief Trip

Arranged By:

Diana Reed

Greeter:

TBA

Invocation:

Wendi Wilson

Sergeant:

Kevin Smith

Scribe:

Marv Johnson

As this Rotary year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Northwest Des Moines Rotary for allowing me to serve as your president this year. It has been a very rewarding experience for me.

I could not have done this job without the assistance of a great board of directors. Thank you to Eric Dickinson, Brad Helgemo, Leslie Malcom, Ed Arnold, Jim Arthur, Gil DeRoos, James Alan Smidt and Jenifer M-K. Thank you also to Bill Corwin for keeping our financial records in such great shape and to Diane Downing-Nelson for keeping our attendance. Also a special thank you to the committee chairs for this year. This group of people have made my job much easier.

We have done a very good job this year of providing Service Above Self. Our accomplishments are listed on the back of the newsletter. Thanks to everybody involved in these projects.



My one regret for the year is that we did not increase membership. This is a crucial area for Northwest Des Moines Rotary and we must continue to recruit. Membership recruitment is every Rotarians responsibility. I challenge each of you to make a commitment to bring at least one new member in this next year.

I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your president, and look forward to working together with Brad next year to build "Peace Through Service."

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...

Sarah Bidney
PGA: Learning Golf

Sarah Bidney, Golf Pro at Sugar Creek in Waukee, came with golf equipment and gave information about group and individual golf lessons.

She had worked at Otter Creek prior to going through the process to become a PRO. Her ventures took her to Florida, Utah and then she returned to the Des Moines area in 2008. To become a pro there are three levels: skill (36 holes below a specific cut score), the business end (development of a portfolio), and the people skills. There are "off months" in October through December, but planning is always taking place for the following season. Last year, she planned and then implemented this year, a Jr. Golf Team...complete with bags, t-shirts and schedule. She reports being pleased with this new concept.

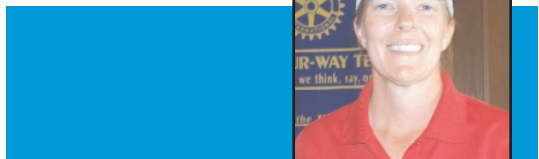
Sarah is on staff with Calloway and suggests at least once, to get "fit" for clubs to determine the appropriate length and type of shaft on the clubs that fits your need and skill level.

One of the demonstrations she did involved swinging a club upside down to listen for the "whoosh." This shows you where the greatest force is. Hearing the sound before the ball or after the ball would indicate less torque on impact. This was a type of drill that you can do at home in the living room.

Julia Taylor, Scribe

Future Programs

- 6/26: TUESDAY Installation Party at Mi Mexico
- 7/6: Mark John Conley Cambodia
- 7/13: Sherri Nielsen Easter Seal Founding



Club Information

Rotary Year in Review

**THIS
WEEKEND!**

CHARLES GABUS
MEMORIAL RIDE



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

BIRTHDAYS

June 19 **Jim Arthur**



We'll Be Singing . . .

To Be
Announced!!!

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

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The Rotary motto is **Service Above Self** - Northwest Des Moines Rotary has certainly lived up to our motto this year. Below is a list of our service this year:

Several Rotarians volunteered for the following Service Projects:

CFUM Supper Club
YMCA Supported Housing Complex
Salvation Army bell ringing
Jolly Holiday Lights
Sold root beer floats for Iowa Special Olympics
Read with students at George Washington Carver School
Delivered meat to the Urbandale Food pantry

We provided the following financial support for Service Projects:

\$2,600 used to match a \$1,750 District Simplified Grant to purchase meat for the Urbandale Food Pantry (*This is the first time the club has received a District Simplified Grant*)
\$4,000 donated to the Urbandale food pantry
\$4,000 donated to the Urbandale Parks & Rec Department
\$2,500 donated to the Des Moines Bicycle Collective
\$2,000 (2 \$1,000) scholarships to 2 Urbandale HS seniors
\$2,000 donated to Shoes That Fit
\$2,000 donated to UCAN for the Backpack Buddy program
\$2,000 donated for the Ponseti Clubfoot Project (Int'l Project)
\$2,000 donated to CFUM to purchase kitchen utensils
\$1,000 donated to the Reach Out and Read program
\$1,000 donated to the Urbandale Police Department
\$500 donated for the Lepley Hero in Education award
\$100 donated to George Washington Carver Elementary School to purchase board games

We also sponsored Julia Crouse as a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Germany. We sent 1 student from Urbandale High School and 2 students from Des Moines Christian School to the District 6000 RYLA training. (*This is the first time Northwest Des Moines Rotary club has participated in the RYLA program*)

Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Chairperson: Phil Houle	Chairperson: Chuck Corwin	Chairperson: Jim Pittman	Chairperson: Kevin Smith	Chairperson: Brenda A-Mailey
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	Ed Arnold, July 6
Brad Helgemo, July 13	TBA, July 13	TBA, July 13	TBA, July 13	Jim Arthur, July 13