



NOR'WESTER

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

Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

Wow, what an amazing year this has been! It has been such an honor to lead this club and work with so many dedicated Rotarians. Thank you for allowing me to have such an important role in this great club. I have to thank the awesome board that I had this year, as well as each of the committees. Leadership is all about delegating to the talented members. This year would not have been as successful without each of you being an active part of the Club. I hope that you will continue to make this your club and offer suggestions and observations to your board.

I'm really looking forward to two things about becoming a past-president. The first is being able to sit with the membership again because I've missed getting to visit with you each week.

The second is not having to write this column since I lack in creative writing skills.

Thank you again for this past year!



Abbie, Prez & Gabi

Scribbles

Chris Burch

Race Director DSM Marathon

In 2002, Chris volunteered to work on the Race Committee, and soon found himself named as the Race Director.

In 2005, the DSM marathon was going down the drain until IMT became a title sponsor. IMT has renewed thru 2014, to complete 10 years as a title sponsor.

The stats:

2700 runners in 2005

6500 runners in 2009

7000 runners expected on 10-17-2010

The 26.2 mile marathon includes about five miles of hills which surprises runners who mistakenly think Iowa is flat. The marathon starts and finishes at Nolen Plaza, this is very rare in the marathon world of races. The race has an interesting route included a lap around the Drake University outdoor track and a run thru Water Works Park, second in size only to Central Park in New York City, as the largest city park in America.

The 2009 DSM marathon winner : 2 hours and 22 minutes. The world marathon record time is 2 hours and 4 minutes, that course is flat, not 5 miles of hills like the DSM marathon runners have to climb.

For 2009, the DSM marathon raised \$350,000, had operating expenses of \$300,000, and donated \$50,000 to various local charities. This years winners, one male, one female each receive a \$4,000 cash prize. They have 1200 volunteer tee shirts made up, to give away to the workers, to manage the marathon.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to help show case our great city, invite your friends to join you on Sunday, 10-17-2010, mark your calendars. You'll be glad you were there.



Dave Smith
Scribe

June 25, 2010

Program:

Gene Gabus

"Changes in Auto Industry"

Arranged By:

Gene Gabus

Greeter:

TBA

Invocation:

Phil Houle

Sergeant:

Gene Gabus

Scribe:

Tim Sitzman

2009-10

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Future Programs

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 . . .

Opening: Star Spangled Banner

Song Time:

God Bless America

You're A Grand Old Flag (#80)

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

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Giggles



"Wind may be the energy source of the future, but it's a poor substitute for coffee."

BIRTHDAYS

June 16

Cam Torstenson

June 19

Jim Arthur

June 23

Brad Helgemo

BIRTHDAYS



Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

TBA, July 2

TBA, July 9

TBA, July 16

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

TBA, July 2

TBA, July 9

TBA, July 16

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

TBA, July 2

TBA, July 9

TBA, July 16

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

TBA, July 2

TBA, July 9

TBA, July 16

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

TBA, July 2

TBA, July 9

TBA, July 16