



NOR'WESTER

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

June 8, 2012

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

John Viars

DM Community Playhouse

Arranged By:

Jim Arthur

Greeter:

TBA

Invocation:

Julia Taylor

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Brenda A-M

At the end of this month, Rotary's Challenge for polio eradication comes to a close. Through the hard work of Rotarians around the world, we've raised over \$200 million, more than six months ahead of schedule, in response to \$355 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Now that we've reached this milestone, we need to build on our success by promoting the final push to end polio and continuing to raise funds until the world is certified polio-free.

RI is looking at the \$200 million as a milestone, not the goal. The goal is the certification of the eradication of polio. A country has to go three years without any cases of polio before it is certified polio-free. So while India is considered no longer endemic after one year without any polio cases, it will be another two years until the eradication of polio there is certified. And then we have to stop polio transmission in the other three countries and achieve certification there as well.

We have to keep stressing that Rotary needs to stay involved. Rotary made the commitment many years ago. We've had dedicated Rotarians working on it. We need to stay there. And we're going to stay until we get this thing whipped.



Scribbles...

A. J. Johnson

Urbandale's City Manager

A.J. Johnson has been Urbandale's City Manager for three years. The City Manager's Office develops recommendations to the City Council for changes in programs, operations and policies for the city of Urbandale. The City Manager's Office is also responsible for communicating this information and updates to the city's residents and businesses.

At the June 1, 2012 meeting of the Northwest Des Moines Rotary, A.J. walked Rotarians through the highlights of the 2012-13 Capital Improvement Program. Among those improvements were the following:

- Patching and resurfacing Douglas Avenue, from 100th Street to 111th Street.
- Widening Meredith Drive, from 86th Street to NW Urbandale Drive.
- Installing storm water piping along Douglas in conjunction with the building of the new Hy-Vee Store.

- Adding a right turn lane going south on 86th Street onto Douglas.
- Widening 121st Street, from Douglas Parkway to Meredith Drive.
- Adding new trails, in the Glen Eagles Park area, connecting Brookview Dr. to Plum Dr.
- Construction of the "Bob Layton Trail," as the main north to south trail spine between Meredith Drive and Douglas Parkway.
- Paving Meredith Drive as a four-lane roadway from 142nd Street to 154th Street.
- Extending Northpark Drive from 100th Street to NW 54th Street.
- Paving the 100th Street Extension between the I-35/80 bridge and N.W. 54th Avenue.

The complete 2012 - 2017 Capital Improvement Program can be found on the City of Urbandale website.

Scribe,
Brenda Auxier-Mailey



2011-12 Officers & Directors

Wanda Armstrong, President
 Brad Helgemo, President Elect
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 Jim Arthur, Director
 Jenifer M-K, Director
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 James Alan Smidt, Director
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 Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

Future Programs

6/15: Sarah Bidney
PGA: Learning Golf
6/22: Dr. Allen Zagoren
Haiti Relief Trip
6/26: TUESDAY Installation
Party at Mi Mexico

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 . . .

To Be
Announced!!

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

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Rotary Minute

ROTARACT

Rotaract is an international program for adults ages 18 to 30 who want to make a difference. It was founded in 1968 by Rotary International, an association of clubs made up of service-minded business and professional leaders.

Today, there are more than 7,300 Rotary club sponsored Rotaract clubs with some 170,000 members - known as Rotaractors - in over 150 countries.

Clubs are either based in the community or in a university. Rotaract clubs enable Rotaractors to grow personally and professionally, address community needs, and promote international understanding through friendship and service.

Rotaract clubs hold meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, discussions, and visits to other clubs. Rotaractors also get together for service projects, social activities, and leadership workshops. Beyond the club level, Rotaractors can take advantage of district conferences, projects, and training seminars and participate in an international meeting prior to the annual Rotary International Convention.

Whatever they do, Rotaractors know how to have fun, make friends, and make the world a little better in the process.

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 15	TBA, June 15	TBA, June 15	Jim Pittman, June 15	TBA, June 15
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