



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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July 15, 2011

Club Program

- Arranged By:*
Wanda Armstrong
- Greeter:*
Eric Dickinson
- Invocation:*
Jim Pittman
- Sergeant:*
Marv Johnson
- Scribe:*
Julia Taylor

Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Last year when I was contacting people to serve on the club board, I was told by several of our members that they did not know enough about the organization to serve on the board. Because of this and having several new members, I am going to be sharing Rotary history as part of the Prez Sez column.

Rotary Wheel Emblem:

A wheel has been the symbol of rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of a wagon wheel on their publications and letter-heads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all

Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and 6 spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "Keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International Emblem.



2011-12 Officers & Directors

- Wanda Armstrong, President
- Brad Helgemo, President Elect
- Leslie Malcom, Secretary
- Dan Boes, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- David Crandall, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- James Alan Smidt, Director
- Eric Dickinson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

Scribbles...

Rita Perea

District Governor Nominee

"Membership Magic" was the title of the talk delivered to NW Rotary by District Governor Nominee, Rita Perea. Rita indicated that North American Rotary membership has been in decline over recent years, so, membership is a primary area of focus for Rotary International.

Rita reminded us membership is important, because we must either "grow or die". If each Club can simply reach within and commit to having each current member make a genuine effort to bring in one good member each year, we would exceed all our goals. We were reminded that membership is the responsibility of each member, and that we should see this as a joy & an opportunity rather than a burden; each of us finds value and fulfillment from being a member, we need to share that with potential members.

Wanda's goal for Club membership this Rotary year is 54, an increase of 5 members from our current level.

We should always be on the lookout for a good potential member. We need to be able to tell our story - why would someone want to join our Club? We're FUN, supportive, inclusive, provide friendship & fellowship, create networking opportunities, contribute to the local community and are actively "doing good things the right way."

She challenged each of us to turn to another member and commit to asking someone to consider joining NW Rotary in the next year. Our new "Membership Buddy" will help hold each of us accountable for ensuring we grow the Club's membership this year.

Scribe, Cam Torstenson



Future Programs

- 7/22: Roy Criss Des Moines Airport
- 7/29: FAMSCO
- 8/5: Gabus Bike Ride Beneficiary Awards

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, WDM Marriott (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 . . .

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Song Time:

- Home on the Range (#35)
- When You're Smiling (#82)

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

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Summer Fun Ideas

Here are a few ideas to do before summer ends...

Take lots of photos of you & your friends enjoying the weather

Make at least one new friend

Lie in bed in the morning, with the windows open & good music playing loudly

Eat black cherries

Take a dog for a walk (if you don't have one, borrow someone else's!)

Climb on a jungle-gym

Explore a new area — even if it's just another neighbourhood

Choose a project to start working on over winter

Buy a hula-hoop & start using it!

Go to the beach & build a sand-castle

Start a journal

Learn some words in another language

Visit the tourist attractions in your own city

Start to believe that you can truly have whatever you want!!!

BIRTHDAYS

July 10 Eric Dickinson

Future Information

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Invocation</u> | <u>Sergeant</u> | <u>Scribe</u> |
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| Chairperson: Phil Houle | Chairperson: Chuck Corwin | Chairperson: Jim Pittman | Chairperson: Kevin Smith | Chairperson: Brenda A-Mailey |
| Leslie Malcom, July 22 | Ed Arnold, July 22 | John Pittman, July 22 | Ed Arnold, July 22 | Randy Taber, July 22 |
| Wanda Armstrong, July 29 | James Allan Smidt, July 29 | Diane Porter, July 29 | Kevin Smith, July 29 | Kevin Smith, July 29 |
| Chuck Corwin, Aug 5 | Vicky Foresman, Aug 5 | Diana Reed, Aug 5 | Julia Taylor, Aug 5 | Dave Smith, Aug 5 |