



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
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Prez Sez...

Wendi Wilson

This year's RI President is John Kenny.

He is a past judge, attorney and hails from Scotland. He has been an active Rotarian since 1970. This year, he has chosen the theme of "The future of Rotary is in your hands". What a great inspiration this year's theme is for us. Rotary is exactly what each of us makes it to be. Since it is a voluntary organization, we count on each member to contribute what they can for us to achieve not only our club goals but also Rotary's goals. We never want to exhort or demand from each other, but rather encourage each other to make our club the best it can be.



July 31, 2009
Program:

Michelle Hamilton
Alzheimer's Assoc.

Arranged By:
Chuck Corwin
Greeter:
Don Chafa
Invocation:
Randy Taber
Sergeant:
Gene Gabus
SCRIBE:
Leslie Malsom

Scribbles

GSE Team

Jeff Bremer, a member of our club, Jenny Smith and Mollie Ibbotson presented the program about their experiences as part of the five member RI Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team that went from our district to the Republic of Taiwan. The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants to teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. The GSE program is one of the premier programs of Rotary International and each year there are around 400 teams participating.

Jeff was the Rotarian leader for District 6000's team which included four non-Rotarians. The rest of the team were Jenny, who is a farmer; Mollie, who is in finance; John Schultz, who is a violin and viola instructor, and Amy Heinz, who is a licensed massage therapist. John and Amy were unable to attend our meeting.

Some highlights of their trip included:

- Visits of various businesses where in some cases the Rotarian was asked to give a presentation regarding their business.
- Visits to historical and cultural sites in Taiwan, including a number of temples.
- Visits to Rotary clubs, which in Taiwan are either clubs of all men or all women, with the exception of one club which is integrated. (The women's clubs will have one or two men as members, who according to the team members are there to make sure the women do it correctly.)
- The team members were lodged in hotels or in Rotarian homes during the one month stay in Taiwan.
- John got to play on a collection of rare violins and viola worth close to \$1 billion dollars in value.

Thank you Jeff, Jenny and Mollie for reminding us of the international part of Rotary.

Scribe,
Bill Corwin



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Future Programs

8/7: Mark Heppner
Salisbury House
8/21: Tiffany Spinner
Heart Connection

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: America the Beautiful

Song Time:

Home on the Range (#350)
Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

Rotary Mottoes

The first motto of Rotary International, ***He Profits Most Who Serves Best***, was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, USA, in 1911. The phrase came from a 1910 speech by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon. At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, MN, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted: ***Service, Not Self***. These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 convention in Detroit, MI. Today, the principal motto of Rotary is ***Service Above Self***. The second motto was changed to ***They Profit Most Who Serve Best***.

BIRTHDAYS



July 25
Lloyd Hill

BIRTHDAYS

Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Gil DeRoos

Dave Piersal, Aug 7

TBA, Aug. 14

Dave Nagel, Aug. 21

Greeters

Chairperson:

Nancy Johnson

Don Chafa, Aug 7

New Member, Aug. 14

New Member, Aug. 21

Invocation

Chairperson:

Jim Pittman

Kevin Smith, Aug 7

David Smith, Aug. 14

Marv Johnson, Aug. 21

Sergeant

Chairperson:

Kevin Smith

Bill Grask, Aug 7

Marv Johnson, Aug. 14

Brad Helgemo, Aug. 21

Scribe

Chairperson:

Larry Sample

Dianne D-N, Aug 7

David Nagel, Aug. 14

Heidi Nebel, Aug. 21