



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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August 1, 2008

Program:

Club Program

Arranged By:

TBA

Greeter:

Dave Smith

Invocation:

Randy Taber

Sergeant:

Bill Grask

Scribe:

Larry Sample

2008-09

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- Cam Torstenson, President
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- Wanda Armstrong, Director
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Chuck Corwin, Director
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- Rick Grant, Director
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Future Programs

8/15: Jonathan May
Magician

8/22: Michael Killmer
Templeton Rye Whiskey

Prez Sez...

Cam Torstenson

Have you ever looked at a pie chart of the world's population by country of residence? China and India account for over one-third of the world's population (36.9%); the United States, the world's third most populous nation, comprises a mere 4.5%! Compte said, "Demography is destiny" and if there is any merit in his statement, we Americans have a very different world in front of us than we have known up to now.

The trouble, of course, is that we are prone to see "different" as "bad". As soon as we make this substitution, it becomes hard to see the opportunity that is incumbent in every change. America's status as world leader will be challenged in the years to come. The questions is, will we rise to the challenge, or shrink from it?

We as Rotarians have the advantage of being part of an international organization that gives us a flavor for the wonderful potential for kindness and caring that exists in all the world's nations.

On some level, our club is a microcosm of this dynamic - the changing of the times. To survive and to thrive, we need to find a way to energize our current members and make their Rotary experience meaningful to them, while striving to accomplish the same feat for those future members who will make up the club in the coming decades. Perhaps, for both our club, and our World, the first step is to start learning to think not in terms of "us or them", but rather, in terms of "us and them".



"Demography is destiny." - Auguste Compte

Scribbles

Susan Herrick

District Governor

Susan began her presentation by talking about the many disasters that have struck Iowa this year. The first was the tornados that ravaged the city of Parkersburg. The District has set up a relief fund and has sent \$15,000 to help clean up Parkersburg. Along with this they have collected an additional \$21,000 for flood relief to help out many other parts of Iowa. This helps to show that Iowans and Rotarians are cared for.

Each day over 30,000 people die of preventable causes. The number one cause is malnutrition. We need to make dreams real for the children of the world.

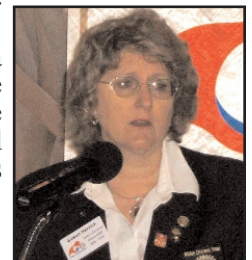
Next, Susan talked to us about increasing the membership of our Club by one. Cam Torstenson said that he would really like to increase the membership of our Club by twelve, but more realistically by three.

In October of this year there will be a Foundation/Membership meeting held in West Des Moines. From April 23 to 25, 2009

there will be an All Club meeting held in Ankeny. Frank Devlin will be the key speaker. Presently, Frank has written 3 books on Rotary. Also, the King'n Trio will be the opening act. This group performed at the 2008 Rotary Convention earlier this year.

The last topic that Susan Herrick talked to us about was polio eradication. The Gates Foundation has been the largest giver in helping to eradicate polio. To meet the polio challenge, each member will need to give \$15.00 per year and our mission will be completed in 3 years. Nigeria, where past District Governor Diana Reed went earlier this year, will be the last country to be eradicated of polio.

In following with this year's theme, Susan mentioned words spoken by John Lennon. "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be as one."



Scribe, Eric Dickinson

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 . . .

America the Beautiful
Song Time: Sing Out A
Song of Rot'ry (#64)
Smiles

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

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Rotary Minute...

Paul Harris-First but not First

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary Club?

No. Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes. There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first club president was one of the other founding members, Silvester Schiele.

By 1910, there were 16 Rotary clubs, which formed an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Two years later, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in Canada, England, Ireland, and Scotland. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus, the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

BIRTHDAYS

August 1
**Marcus
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Future Information

Program

Chairperson:

Joe Kobes

TBA, Aug 8

Jeff Bremmer, Aug 15

Nancy Johnson, Aug 22

Greeters

Chairperson:

John Newberg

Adam Keller, Aug 8

Nancy Johnson, Aug 15

Diane Porter, Aug 22

Invocation

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Jim Pittman

Kevin Smith, Aug 8

David Smith, Aug 15

Richard Schlegel, Aug 22

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