



NOR'WESTER

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I was very inspired by one of the articles in this month's Rotarian. It was listed under Project Roundup and titled Try this at home: Sport Fundraisers. It speaks of 12 great ways other clubs around the world have done as fundraisers. Let me list out a few of these ideas.

1. Field Goal - the Rotary Club of Tupper Lake, NY helped to build an athletic field.
2. The Rotary Club of Portsmouth, NH jumps into fundraising every January with its Polar Bear Swim.
3. The Rotary Club of Plattsburgh, NY has been reeling in funds for 25 years with its three-day fishing classic.

Now it is time to remember all of the things that the Northwest Des Moines Rotary Club does as fundraisers. Things such as the Root beer Float for Special Olympics, our night out with the Iowa Energy to help eradicate polio, and the Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride to help out a number of areas right here locally. These things could never be done without you.



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Scribbles

Gary Welch

District Governor

This week's speaker was our very own District Governor Gary Welch. Gary is currently serving his third term on the Ankeny City Council.

Gary spoke to the importance of continuing to get rotary's message out there. A good way to get a better understanding of this, is through our conferences with fellow Rotarians. Gary mentioned our district conference was coming up in Ankeny and also talked about an opportunity with the International conference. Another way that Rotarians are getting there message out is through the projects like Meals for the Heartland. Gary was able to speak first hand about the impact these prepackaged meals had in Haiti, as he was able to help distribute these to hungry families.

Gary also focused on continuing to work on increasing membership. He mentioned the fact that now more than ever we need to think outside the box with clubs and meetings, whether it be through having morning meetings or afternoon meetings or something else. Gary challenged each one of us to do our part and appoint 1 new member this year.

He talked about refocusing of Rotary on:

- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Disease Prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternity and child health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic & Community Development

Gary was able to reiterate the great things Rotary does and the great projects our club does. He challenged us to take ownership in our club and reminded us that, "You determine the future of your club. "

Scribe, Matt Bunker

Future Programs

8/20: Jonathan Ribble Seminars

8/27: Eddie Erlbacher Iowa Hospice

Rotary Out & About

"ARE WE IN THE COUNTRY NOW?" In July, we experienced five busy days with nine kids from the John R. Grubb YMCA-our first bike camp. Got the kids out of the neighborhood and all about town, most for their first experience riding beyond familiar streets and in a group.



Friday's big ride included downtown, Great Western and Bill Riley trails and Ingersoll Avenue-25-plus miles. Just beyond the airport on the Great Western Trail, one of the kids asked, "Are we in the country now?" It was a magical moment. We have to do this again.

How did we do this? Collectively! This wouldn't have happened without the Northwest Rotary Club of Des Moines, which allowed us to underwrite pre- and post-camp childcare at the Grubb Y, snacks, lunches, camp T-shirts, and disc golf drivers and putters. Steve Hanel helped with an assessment and repair of bikes before the camp started (six kids showed up with unrideable bikes; another hand up from the Rotary Club). Bike-friendly Woody Wasson provided Monday's lunch at his barbecue joint, Woody's Smoke Shack. The kids were in awe of the BMX bikes at Patrick Schoolen's Flatland Fuel, just off the Bill Riley Trail extension. Brenda Hall, a teen specialist at the Central Library (downtown) showed off book and computer services (several girls searched for Justin Bieber CDs).

Tim Lane created a digital camera scavenger hunt at the Iowa State Capitol. Former disc golf pro Angie McBride gave free lessons at the Grandview Disc Golf Course. Angie and Todd McBride also rode with us on Friday. Chad VandeLune mapped a great route from the Grubb neighborhood and through downtown. Jen and Ed Vaske at T-Shirt Graphix provided a bike-friendly discount for the camp T-shirts. The Brain Injury Association of Iowa donated helmets. The Des Moines Cycle Club provided backpacks and bandanas; Bike World donated water bottles. DART stopped by to show the kids how to load bikes on a transit bus.

And then there's Kittie Weston-Knauer. Retired school principal, BMX racer, and awesome Collective volunteer. Rode four days with the kids. Kittie was on the mark with the right words and the appropriate principal look when discipline was in order.



We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening: Star Spangled Banner

Song Time: TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 12 Julia Taylor

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

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Jaime Wurts

For the next 3 weeks we will be asking for contributions to help pay for Jaime Wurts chemo therapy. Jaime has been working very hard over the last 20 years to help build up his part of Mexico. Please pitch in to help out.

Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> Leslie Malcom	<i>Chairperson:</i> Wanda Armstrong	<i>Chairperson:</i> Jim Pittman	<i>Chairperson:</i> Beth Goedken	<i>Chairperson:</i> Larry Sample
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