



# NOR'WESTER

## Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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August 15, 2008

Program:

Jonathan May  
Magician

### Prez Sez...

Cam Torstenson

It is fun to be caught up in the spirit of the Olympics, especially this year when we've got such high profile hometown heroes for whom to cheer. As Rotarians, the Olympic ideals and the spirit of the competition should be especially appealing to our sensibilities; it is a glimpse of what could be, of how a world of harmony and fraternity might look.



"The goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of man..." - International Olympic Committee, Olympic Charter

The Olympics stage shows us competitors from nations all over the globe and lets us realize that they all have aspirations, dreams, fears, doubts and frailties; in other words, just like us, they are human. When we empathize with their failures and rejoice in their triumphs, we see a small reflection of that spark of humanity that we all share - and we are reminded that each of us has our own opportunity for greatness.

So the next time you serve a dinner at Trinity UMC, or read to a child at GW Carver, or scoop ice cream for the Special Olympics, remember that these are your Olympic events, and that, as soon as you make an effort to help another, you too, are a champion!

#### Arranged By:

Jeff Bremer

#### Greeter:

Nancy Johnson

#### Invocation:

David Smith

#### Sergeant:

Rick Grant

#### Scribe:

David Edgar

### Scribbles

#### 2008-09

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#### Rodney Tomlinson Goodwill Industries

On Friday August 8th our guest speaker was Rodney Tomlinson, Community Development Manager for Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa. Rodney has been with Goodwill Industries for the last 7 years and was speaking today on the soon to be open relocated store in Urbandale.

The new store is located at 4520 Urbandale Drive in Urbandale. This building is being built as a replacement for their current location next to Hy-Vee on 86th. This is the third store they have been able to design and build rather than renting an existing space. There are 14 Goodwill Stores in central IA.

The square footage will increase from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet allowing for a 10,000 square foot selling floor and 5,000 square feet for backroom operations. The new location will also have 5 dressing rooms. This is a prototype store and will include easy access to a covered drop off area for donations. They are expecting between 25,000 and 30,000 donors during their first year.

The store will employ 25 to 30 people and will have 27,000 items on the floor for sale at any one time. It will also include a computer corner which will be part of their e-waste initiative. Those computers that can't be refurbished are parted out and sold to recycling companies. The program has kept 1 million pounds of computer waste out of the landfill since its inception 1 year ago. In total the 14 stores have been able to save 10,577,000 pounds of waste from going to our landfills, not only from computers but other items they have been able to sell to recycling companies.

The Goodwill Ind. mission states.... "Our mission is to empower individuals & families with barriers to independence through training, education and employment."



David Edgar, Scribe

#### Future Programs

8/22: Michael Killmer

Templeton Rye  
Whiskey

## 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: God Bless America

Song Time: The Four-Way Test  
(#18)

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

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## Rotary Minute...

### *Rotary Friendship Exchange*

Rotary Friendship Exchange encourages Rotarians and their families to visit with Rotarian families in other parts of the world. Friendship exchanges may be conducted club-to-club (individual Rotarians and their families) or district-to-district (four to six Rotary couples).

On a Rotary Friendship Exchange, several Rotarian couples pay all of their own expenses and travel to another country. Later, the hospitality is reversed when the visit is reciprocated. After a successful pilot experiment, the Exchange became a structured program of Rotary in 1988.

Rotarians seeking an unusual vacation and fellowship experience should learn more about the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Some exciting Rotary adventures are awaiting you!

BIRTHDAYS

August 12

**Julia  
Taylor**

BIRTHDAYS



## Future Information

### Program

*Chairperson:*

**Joe Kobes**

Nancy Johnson, Aug 22

TBA, Aug. 29

Beth Goedken, Sep. 5

### Greeters

*Chairperson:*

**John Newberg**

Diane Porter, Aug 22

David Leatherman, Aug. 29

TBA, Sep. 5

### Invocation

*Chairperson:*

**Jim Pittman**

Richard Schlegel, Aug 22

Doyle Sanders, Aug. 29

Larry Sample, Sep. 5

### Sergeant

*Chairperson:*

**Kevin Smith**

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