



NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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September 12, 2008

Program:

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Prez Sez...

Cam Torstenson

Saturday is the **BIG GAME - Iowa vs. Iowa State** at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. Many a Hawkeye or Cyclone fan on the wrong side of the outcome will wake up Monday morning dreading the thought of having to face the ridicule at work. Still, most of the world will not really care...



"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."
~Vince Lombardi

Here is my prediction for the game: Two teams of young men, committed to the group's effort toward a common goal will struggle to see that goal accomplished. The score? Well, in the larger sense, everyone who strives toward a worthwhile goal is a winner, aren't they?

So, a bit of perspective before the game; what common goals are you struggling to see accomplished in your life; and in concert with what teams - family, work, Rotary? An unattributed quote goes something like this; "You become successful the moment you begin moving toward a worthwhile goal."

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Scribbles

Dr. Greg Robinson

Superintendent of Schools

Our guest was Dr. Greg Robinson, Superintendent of Schools for the Urbandale Community School District.

Dr. Robinson encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming [now past] School Board election. This traditionally has the lowest turnout of any election, yet everything we do and accomplish in life we can trace back to a teacher.

Dr. Robinson complimented Northwest Rotary's involvement with G. W. Carver Elementary, and described volunteer opportunities that exist in the Urbandale Schools, as well. Since students are encouraged to have a career path chosen by the time they finish 8th grade, it would be good to have people come speak to classes about their jobs, and even to offer job shadowing experience to the students. [Note: Urbandale High School has a Career Day, where this can be done with older students.]

Schools today are facing the problem of children with no hope, even in what is considered an upscale suburb. Thirty-one languages are now spoken in the Urbandale schools, where once it was only English. Children come from single-parent households, and as high as 33% of the students in one school get subsidized meals. College isn't right for everyone, but No Child Left behind Pushes toward college prep and away from trade programs. The most important thing we can do for the students and children is to volunteer our time. Call Dr. Robinson at 577-1400, or talk to Julia Taylor!



Scribe, Jenifer M-K

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Future Programs

9/19 Dr. David Maxwell
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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)

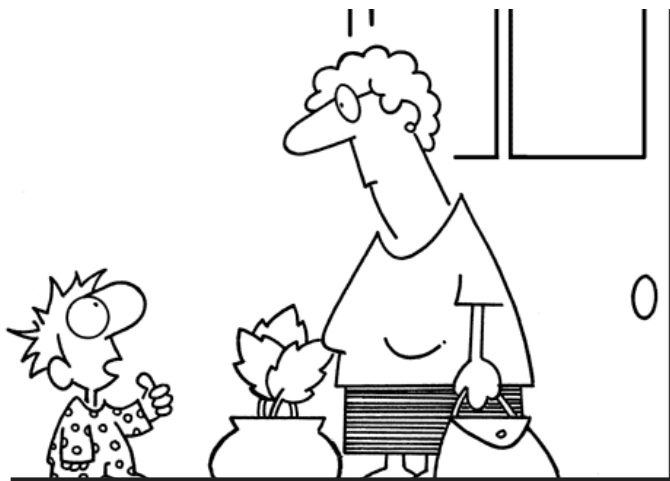
Des Moines, Hotel Fort Des Moines, (Noon)

Winterset, Northside Cafe, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

Giggles



"My dad is a V.I.P., my mom is a C.E.O. and I'm a K.I.D."

Rotary Minute...

Vocational Service

Vocational Service is the second Avenue of Service. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians. Vocational service programs seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce, and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering career guidance and occupational information to young people and helping them make vocational choices. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are typical Vocational Service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways in which Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all business and professions". That's why this Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

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

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