

# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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September 16, 2011

## Prez Sez...

Wanda Armstrong

Randy Wehofer  
Iowa Cubs

Arranged By:  
Vicki Foresman

Greeter:  
Jenifer M-K

Invocation:  
Randy Taber

Sergeant:  
John Pittman

Scribe:  
Diane Porter

**Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club? No.**

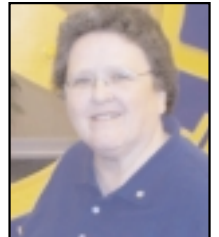
**Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes**

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 to 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.



## Scribbles...

### Salisbury House & Gardens Exhibit History of the Rotary Club Des Moines

On September 9, 2011 the Northwest Des Moines Rotary club met at the Salisbury House and Gardens in Des Moines. After eating a box lunch and receiving a short welcome from Mark Heppner, Executive Director and Leo Landis, Education Director and Curator, members enjoyed either a self-tour or one led by a volunteer tour guide and fellow Rotarian David Piersel.

The tour gave Rotarians a glimpse into the lives of the 19th century cosmetic tycoon Carl Weeks and his wife Edith. Salisbury

House was modeled after the King's House in Salisbury, England and is filled with elegant furniture, rare books and an extensive collection of art. This summer's featured exhibit is on the history of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Carl Weeks joined the Rotary Club of Des Moines in 1914, three years after its founding. He served as president from 1922-1923, and as a District Governor from 1923-1924.

Scribe, Brenda Auxier-Mailey

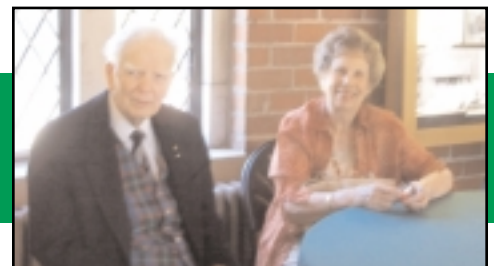
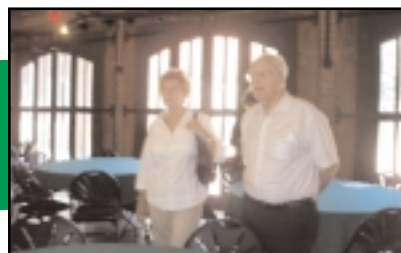
### 2011-12 Officers & Directors

- Wanda Armstrong, President
- Brad Helgemo, President Elect
- Leslie Malcom, Secretary
- Dan Boes, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- David Crandall, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- James Alan Smidt, Director
- Eric Dickinson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

### Future Programs

**9/23:** Mary Polson  
Urbandale Community  
Action Network - UCAN

**9/30:** No Meeting  
Family Picnic Week



## 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)  
 The Greater Des Moines Club, WDM Marriott (6:00 pm)

### Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)  
 Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)  
 Winterset, Northside Cafe, (Noon)

### Friday

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



## We'll Be Singing . . .

My Country 'Tis of Thee

**Song Time:**

I'm Looking Over A Four-Leaf Clover (#40)  
 Smiles

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

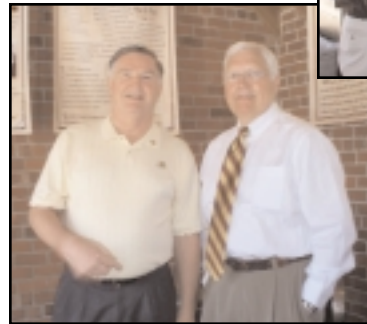
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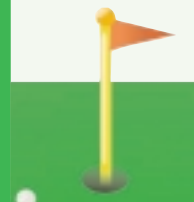
## Out & About!



AUGUST ROTARY STATS

Attendance 77.78%.

# SAVE THE DATE



Club Golf Outing  
 Friday, October 14, 2011

## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Phil Houle</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Chuck Corwin</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Jim Pittman</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Kevin Smith</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Brenda A-Mailey</b>
Vicki Foresman, Sep 23	John Asche, Sep 23	Julia Taylor, Sep 23	Ed Arnold, Sep 23	John Pittman, Sep 23
No Meeting, Sep 30	No Meeting, Sep 30	No Meeting, Sep 30	No Meeting, Sep 30	No Meeting, Sep 30
Wanda Armstrong, Oct 7	Phil Houle, Oct 7	Wendi Wilson, Oct 7	Gene Gabus, Oct 7	David Piersel, Oct 7