

# NOR'WESTER Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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**September 16, 2011**

## Prez Sez...

*Wanda Armstrong*

**Mary Polson**  
UCAN

Arranged By:  
Vicki Foresman

Greeter:  
John Asche

Invocation:  
Julia Taylor

Sergeant:  
Ed Arnold

Scribe:  
John Pittman

I would encourage you to check out the club's website if you have not done so recently. <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeA.asp?cid=1664>

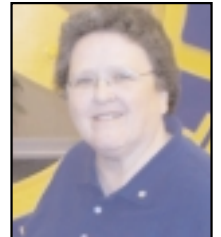
You will find a list of weekly programs, the current Nor'wester as well as archived copies of the Nor'wester for the past 2-3 years. You can also find information about upcoming events such as our golf outing, monthly board meetings, and service project opportunities.

If you click on "View Club Documents" you will find the yearly budget, quarterly financial state-

ments, board meeting minutes, and committee lists.

A short YouTube video "What is Rotary" is on the main page. This short video was found on the RI site and I will be changing this from time to time. I am hoping it will help people learn more about Rotary if they are surfing the web!

This is your website so let me know if there is something else you would like to see on this site.



## Scribbles...

### Randy Wehofer Iowa Cubs

Randy Wehofer, Sports Broadcaster for the Iowa Cubs, entertained the Northwest Rotary Club sharing the development of his baseball career. Mr. Wehofer is a graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in Journalism. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois.

When Randy was attending high school he had aspirations of becoming a professional baseball player. When he evaluated his baseball skills, he realized that would never happen. A teacher suggested that he become a sports broadcaster. He remembered that suggestion and pursued that field.

Randy went to a Baseball Job Fair in Nashville, Tennessee in 1998. There were 150 attendees at the fair, all wanting to become an employee of a baseball organization. He submitted his applications and a short time later received a call from the General Manager of the Burlington Bees who offered him a

position. The next 13 years became a great learning experience. He was able to involve himself in many different facets of the operation and was able to meet many baseball dignitaries. The Burlington Bees had only four full time employees.

Mr. Wehofer spoke highly of the Iowa Cubs Organization. The owners have worked hard to develop a first class facility and promote a family atmosphere. Working with the Chicago Cubs, the parent team, gives Des Moines a quality of player that is just one step away from the majors.

The Iowa Cubs attendance this year was 500,000. That was the fourth largest attendance in the League. Several factors affect the attendance figures. Rain was a big factor in April and heat was a significant factor in July. Randy now works for an organization that has twenty-four full time employees. GO CUBS!

Gil DeRoos, Scribe



### 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

- 9/30:** Club Picnic  
Jester Park
- 10/7:** District Governor Visit
- 10/14:** Craig Huff  
National Pork Board

## 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

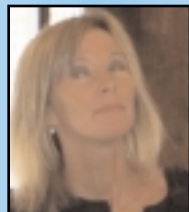
Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

## Farewell

to a few of our fellow Rotarians! We have appreciated their service to the club and wish them well in the future!



**Beth Goedken**



**Diane Porter**



**Dave Smith**

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

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## Club Picnic SIGN-UP!

### Club Picnic

**Friday, September 30th**  
**Jester Park Shelter 3**  
**6:00-9:00**

Contact Dianne Downing-Nelson  
 to get registered!!!



## SIGN UP NOW!

Our fall golf outing will take place on Friday, October 14, 2011, immediately following our regular lunch-time program.

We'll be teeing off beginning at 1:08 pm with groups teeing off in succession, so we should wrap up by 6 pm.

The cost is \$42/player for 18 holes and a cart. We'd like to have 10 or more groups and would again like to use this outing to promote club fellowship and as a way to introduce prospective new members to Rotary.

If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Kevin Smith at [ksmith@westbankiowa.com](mailto:ksmith@westbankiowa.com), or sign up on the Club website. Thank you.



Club Golf Outing  
 Friday, October 14, 2011

## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Chairperson: <b>Phil Houle</b>	Chairperson: <b>Chuck Corwin</b>	Chairperson: <b>Jim Pittman</b>	Chairperson: <b>Kevin Smith</b>	Chairperson: <b>Brenda A-Mailey</b>
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
Gil DeRoos, Oct 14	Brenda A-M, Oct 14	Ed Arnold, Oct 14	Leslie Malcom, Oct 14	Roger Nyberg, Oct 14