



# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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September 24, 2010

## Prez Sez...

Eric Dickinson

**Chris Beck**

Science Center of Iowa

Arranged By:

Leslie Malcom

Greeter:

Chuck Corwin

Invocation:

John Pittman

Sergeant:

Matt Bunker

Scribe:

Dianne D-Nelson

This passed week we lost Dick Amick, a person who was a true Rotarian. As it said in the newspaper, "Dick was less a dreamer, always a doer. Those that knew him knew a kind, giving person, always wanting to do for others and help better their lives. Dick helped run a "Speak Up" program through the United Way, helping to start a reading program at George Washington Carver Elementary School through the NWDM Rotary Club, and reading with grade school children at Timberline Elementary School. He was rewarded many times over by the smiles and hugs from the students. "Second to this, Dick loved to golf and we may have to thank him for bringing us such a great day to play golf this past Friday. A plaque that Dick gave me a few years ago reads "Time spent playing golf is not deducted from one's lifespan". Even when he couldn't play a round of golf, Dick would be out at the practice range working on his game. Just because he enjoyed playing golf so much. With this said, Dick Amick will be greatly missed by all of us.



## 2010 Officers & Directors

- Eric Dickinson, President
- Wanda Armstrong, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Marcus Dunn, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Jim Arthur, Director
- Dan Boes, Director
- Jenifer M-K, Director
- Diane Porter, Director
- Wendi Wilson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

## Future Programs

- 10/1:** Doyle Sanders Rotary Foundation
- 10/8:** Rosalyn Lehman IA Water & Land Legacy

## Scribbles

### Charles Gabus

#### Bike Ride

For the second year the Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride has been a success. At Friday's meeting, Chuck Corwin explained to the club that during Cam Torstenson's Presidency, an ad hoc committee was established under Chuck's leadership to identify a signature event for the club. Using the bike ride of the Janesville, Wisconsin Rotary as a model, they developed plans for an annual ride to be used as the key fund-raising event by NW Des Moines Rotary. With the passing of Charles Gabus, it was decided to name the event in his memory. Gene Gabus has led the way for both years in seeking out major sponsors in support of the ride. This, plus contributions by club members and sales of raffle tickets has

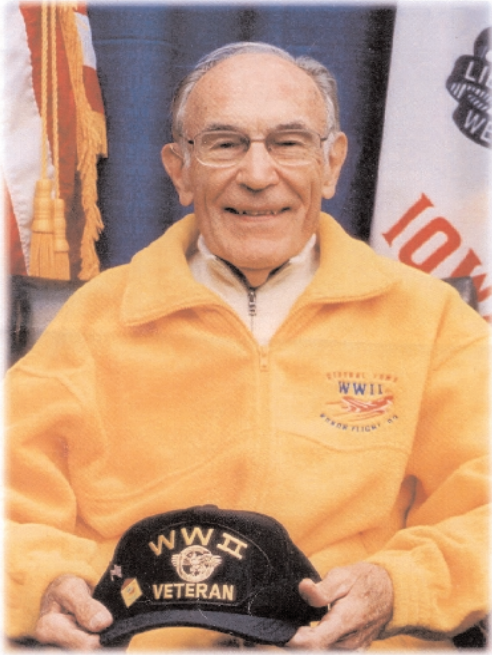
been key to making the bike ride financially successful.

Chuck introduced representatives of the organizations which have been selected to receive donations from the proceeds of the event. These spokespersons described for us the many worthwhile functions that they perform in our community and gave us some insight into how our contributions have been used.

Brenda Auxier-Mailey introduced two staff members from Karen Acres School Linda Ennen and Jade Fox. They have, on their own time, set up an English language course for parents who have immigrated into Urbandale, primarily from Africa, with their families. This year there will be 24 adults enrolled in this program, learning language skills which are so important to them for parenting and making a living in the US. We have donated \$1,000 from this year's funds to help support this program.

## In Loving Memory

## Scribbles continued....



*Richard F. Amick*  
1927 - 2010

Jan Herke, Director of Parks and Recreation for Urbandale, told of us of the 36 miles of bike trail in the city. Contributions from our club have been used to help improve signage. This year's contribution is \$4,500.



Debra Storey Salowitz and Molly Ollinger Topf told us of the program of Reach Out and Read. Its mission is to make literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric care so children grow up with books and a love of reading. Children who enter school unprepared to read are 88% less likely to come up to standard performance in later years than those who are prepared. We contributed \$2,500 to their program this year.

Police Chief Ross McCarty and the Urbandale Police Department were involved in setting up the ride. Chief McCarty had discussions with the police in Dallas County to help coordinate their involvement as well. The Department is working with immigrants, including assisting them in getting their bikes licensed so that they are protected against theft. This year NW Des Moines Rotary contributed \$1,000 to the Department.

Carl Voss of the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, described their mission, to recognize, encourage, and facilitate the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation and recreation in the State of Iowa. This includes a Bike Camp for kids and many other worthwhile programs. This year we contributed \$2,500 to this organization.

This year's Charles Gabus Memorial Bike Ride Committee consisted of Chuck Corwin, Beth Goedken, Diana Reed, Ed Arnold, Eric Dickinson, Gene Gabus, Joe Kobes, Leslie Malcolm, Rick Grant, Wendi Wilson, and Tim Sitzmann. A vote of thanks to all!

Scribe, Jim Arthur

### We'll Be Singing . . .

Opening: America the Beautiful  
Song Time:  
Sing Out a Song of Rotary (#64)  
When You're Smiling (#82)

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

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## Future Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Leslie Malcom</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Wanda Armstrong</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Jim Pittman</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Beth Goedken</b>	<i>Chairperson:</i> <b>Larry Sample</b>
Doyle Sanders, Oct 1	TBA, Oct 1	Jim Pittman, Oct 1	TBA, Oct 1	Marcus Dunn, Oct 1
Paul Kirpes, Oct 8	Dick Cummings, Oct 8	Roger Nyberg, Oct 8	Marv Johnson, Oct 8	Randy Taber, Oct 8
TBA, Oct. 15	Bill Corwin, Oct. 15	Heidi Negel, Oct. 15	Kevin Smith, Oct. 15	Gene Gabus, Oct. 15