



# NOR'WESTER

## Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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September 5, 2008

Program:

Dr. Greg Robinson  
Superintendent of Schools

### Prez Sez...

Cam Torstenson

Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to serve on a variety of non-profit boards. My experience with such organizations is that volunteering almost always involves more work than you planned for when you agreed to help. Yet, I never cease to be amazed at the quality of effort and earnestness of motivation exhibited by the people who serve. They make these organizations work, often to the benefit of strangers, with little thanks or acknowledgement. So, if you serve, or have served, THANK YOU! If you haven't served yet - we can help you fix that!



"Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth."  
Mohammed Ali

And thank you for being here at Rotary; the world's oldest and largest service organization. You have so many options when it comes to spending your precious time; we're glad you choose to spend some of it with Rotary, our club would be nowhere without you!

#### Arranged By:

Julia Taylor

#### Greeter:

Tim Walpole

#### Invocation:

Larry Sample

#### Sergeant:

Ryan Irwin

#### Scribe:

Jenifer M-K

### Scribbles

#### 2008-09

##### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Cam Torstenson, President
- Wendi Wilson, President-Elect
- Eric Dickinson, Treasurer
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Wanda Armstrong, Director
- Ed Arnold, Director
- Chuck Corwin, Director
- Adam Keller, Director
- Rick Grant, Director
- Mark McAndrews, Past President

### Rotary Program

Rotary has many different programs that encourage adults and youth to participate in. While many are very much established and rich in tradition, RotaKids, is one that is very new and targets a new age group of kids to get involvement from.

Loring Miller, Rotarian from Decatur County, and Bob Herrick, Rotarian from Boone County, and the husband of District Governor Susan Herrick, presented a program that is new to Rotary. The RotaKid program is an exciting new venture that gets kids in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades involved to build self-esteem and to create service projects that promote service to others. RotaKids involves local clubs and school administrators that is student lead. The students help each other develop leadership skills by helping each other promote self-awareness and creating projects that can help others.

RotKids was started in Florida in 2000 and has started to spread with popularity across the globe and United States. Although RotaKids is not yet recognized as an official program of Rotary International, leaders are hopeful that within a short time, it too will become one of the programs that Rotary can promote in its literature.

#### There are essentially seven steps to get a RotaKids chapter started--

1. Club support
2. School support
3. District 6000 support
4. Notices to students and applications
5. Student selection
6. First meeting
7. Project involvement

When you have all of these steps completed, then the kids + energy + purpose = community commitment.

Jeff Bremer, Scribe



#### Future Programs

9/12: Leslie Dahm  
Home School Supervisor  
Des Moines Public  
Schools

## 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

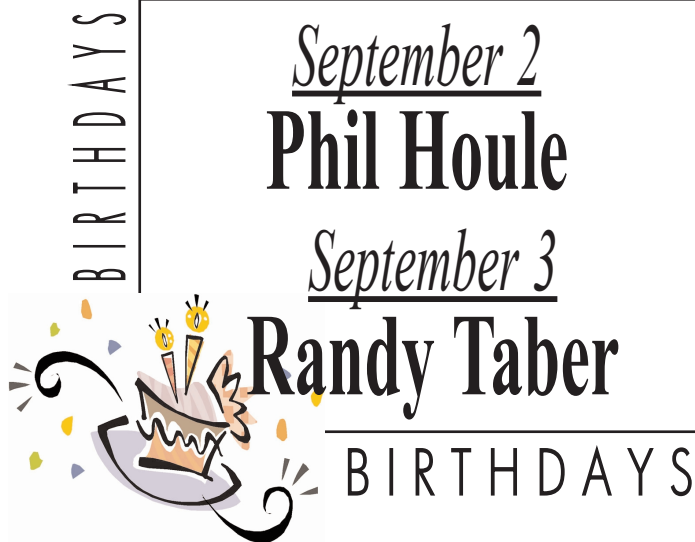
Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)  
Des Moines, Hotel Fort Des Moines, (Noon)  
Winterset, Northside Cafe, (Noon)

### Friday

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

### Effective September 3, 2008:

The Ames Morning Rotary Club will permanently begin meeting at the Ames Golf and Country Club at 5752 George Washington Carver St.



## Rotary Minute...

### *Rotary's Official Mottos*

Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and They Profit Most Who Serve Best, trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year.

The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the 2004 Council to its current wording, They Profit Most Who Serve Best.

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

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## Future Information

### Program

Chairperson:

**Joe Kobes**

Gil DeRoos, Sep. 12

Phil Houle, Sep. 19

Cam Torstenson, Sep. 26

### Greeters

Chairperson:

**Dave Leatherman**

Robin Nodtvedt, Sep. 12

Robin Nodtvedt, Sep. 19

Robin Nodtvedt, Sep. 26

### Invocation

Chairperson:

**Jim Pittman**

Diana Reed, Sep. 12

Diane Porter, Sep. 19

John Pittman, Sep. 26

### Sergeant

Chairperson:

**Kevin Smith**

Marv Johnson, Sep. 12

Ed Arnold, Sep. 19

Julia Taylor, Sep. 26

### Scribe

Chairperson:

**Jenifer M-K**

Dave Nagel, Sep. 12

Julia Taylor, Sep. 19

Wanda Armstrong, Sep. 26