



# NOR'WESTER

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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December 17, 2010

## Prez Sez...

Eric Dickinson

**Leanne  
Freeman-Miller**

Drake University Music Deptx

Arranged By:

David Piersel

Greeter:

Bill Grask

Invocation:

Liz Nead

Sergeant:

Dianne D-Nelson

Scribe:

Paul Kirpes

The Holiday Season is in full swing and there is a little snow on the ground. Thank goodness for this. Last year we had enough snow for more than one year.

Winter is only 4 days away, and 2011 is just around the corner.

This is a fun, yet busy time of the year for family, friends and a lot of good times.

As you celebrate Christmas with your family, keep a little Rotary in your heart and remember those who are no longer with us. Both Bob Dabrieo and Dick Amick were important parts of our club and they have left some big shoes to fill.

Remember as the song goes, 'And when I'm gone there will be someone else born to carry on, carry on.'

**Merry Christmas**



### Reminder:

The Urbandale Golf & Country Club closes for 2 weeks in January. Our meetings on Jan. 7, 2011 & Jan. 14, 2011, will be at Christopher's in Beaverdale. See you there!

### 2010 Officers & Directors

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- Wanda Armstrong, President Elect
- Brad Helgemo, Secretary
- Marcus Dunn, Treasurer
- Ed Arnold, Director
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- Dan Boes, Director
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- Wendi Wilson, Past President
- Dianne D-Nelson, Exec Sec
- Bill Corwin, Exec Treas

### Future Programs

12/24 & 12/31  
No Meeting

1/7: Shane Goodman  
Living Magazine

## Scribbles...

### Paul Kirpes

The program on Iowa Home Care (IHC) was introduced by Paul Kirpes. The speakers from IHC included Kim Weber and Preeti Acharya. Kevin Menke was also present as a support for the presentations. Kim is the CEO and founder of IHC, which was started in 2004. The purpose of IHC is to provide in-home services to individuals with need for help during recovery after hospitalization or those with chronic illnesses.

Kim and Preeti together presented a very interesting program about the nature of their business and the industry of home health care services. The patient is at the core of the IHC service philosophy. She talked about providing personalized services such as massages, which are extras often not covered by insurance or Medicare.

They also presented information showing how many procedures can be done as in-home care instead of as in-hospital care, which can result in significant savings in terms of health care costs. They even provide 24/7 in home care for individuals who elect this instead of moving to a nursing home facility. In this latter case, costs are higher than nursing home facility care, but individuals electing this type of care typically are paying for their care privately.

Kim spoke passionately about the need for services, such as those provided by IHC for lower income individuals lacking health care insurance.

This Rotarian found the program to be most informative and inspirational. It seemed evident that IHC is dedicated to the goals they state and that their clients are very lucky to have them as service providers. Great Program.

Scribe – Phil Houle

# Santa's Workshop at JOLLY HOLIDAY LIGHTS!!



*We'll Be Singing . . .*  
Selected Holiday Songs!!



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

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## BIRTHDAYS

*Dec 10* **Leslie Malcom**

*Dec 12* **John Pittman**

## Future Information

| <u>Program</u>                              | <u>Greeters</u>                               | <u>Invocation</u>                         | <u>Sergeant</u>                            | <u>Scribe</u>                              |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <i>Chairperson:</i><br><b>Leslie Malcom</b> | <i>Chairperson:</i><br><b>Wanda Armstrong</b> | <i>Chairperson:</i><br><b>Jim Pittman</b> | <i>Chairperson:</i><br><b>Beth Goedken</b> | <i>Chairperson:</i><br><b>Larry Sample</b> |
| No Meeting, Dec. 24                         | No Meeting, Dec. 24                           | No Meeting, Dec. 24                       | No Meeting, Dec. 24                        | No Meeting, Dec. 24                        |
| No Meeting, Dec. 31                         | No Meeting, Dec. 31                           | No Meeting, Dec. 31                       | No Meeting, Dec. 31                        | No Meeting, Dec. 31                        |
| Leslie Malcom, Jan. 7                       | Brad Helgemo, Jan. 7                          | Ed Arnold, Jan. 7                         | Chuck Corwin, Jan. 7                       | Marv Johnson, Jan. 7                       |