



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

Happy New Year (for the second time in the past six months) to everyone! I hope all had a pleasant and relaxing holiday season and are ready to head into the second half of the Rotary year. From my experience things ramp up near the beginning of March, both at the district level and locally with pickleball and our raffle. If you have a minute, check out Rotary6000.org to have a look at the upcoming activities.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Christmas dinner a few weeks ago I want to once again highlight the total number of organizations that we have supported (either through our time, talent, or treasure – or all three) thus far during this fiscal year: it's nearly 20! – and my guess is that there are a few I've missed. After I finished speaking about this at our dinner, I sat down next to the father of our entertainer for the evening and he exclaimed "wow, I had no idea Rotary did all that!". And to think of everything else Rotary accomplishes, and how many are not aware. The important thing is that those who we serve know Rotary, but wouldn't it be nice if everyone else did, too?

I'm looking forward to the New Year in general, and to this Friday's meeting specifically. Our speaker will be Andy Bales, who recently returned home after 25 years at Union Rescue Mission on Skid Row in Los Angeles. He'll be the Executive Director at CFUM, one of the more than 20 organizations I noted above. I had heard of him and all his selfless work before I became aware that he would return to Des Moines and lead CFUM; I'm excited to finally meet him.

Our meeting this Friday will be at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club as usual, but the next three (Jan 12, 19 and 26) will be at the Ramada Tropics at 5000 Merle Hay Road.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Alex Barker & Jori Nieman
Iowa Wolves



Jori Nieman, Account Executive came to talk about the Iowa Wolves and their partnership with our club. She started out by providing some trivia questions about the Wolves and the G League.

Iowa Wolves NBA affiliate: **Minnesota Timberwolves**

Name of their mascot: **Alpha**

Name of player who has a contract with both the Wolves and the Timberwolves: **Luke Garza**

Percent of NBA players that come from the G league: **60%**

How many home games in a season: **24**

She then went on to talk about the G league and the Iowa Wolves as a whole. Every G league team has an NBA affiliate except Mexico and Las Vegas. We are fortunate to be close to our affiliate as for example Sioux Falls' affiliate is the Miami Heat. Originally Des Moines G League Team was the Energy affiliated with the Memphis Grizzlies before it became the

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January 5, 2024

This Week's Program:

Andy Bales
CFUM

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Wendy Kriegshauser

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Jack Heston

Scribe:

Dan Boes



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Future Programs

1/12: Jana Huegerich
Lifeserve

1/19: Joe Stevens
Joppa

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Food Depot, 3000 SE Grimes Blvd, Suite 200 in Grimes (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)
West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Caring Hands, (7:00 am)
Adel, 1016 Main St. Raccoon Valley Comm. House (Noon)
The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Downtown Holiday Inn – Mercy, (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

Urbandale Chamber AM Exchange

Tuesday, January 30

District Assembly

Saturday, March 30

District Foundation Gala - April 19

District Celebration - April 20

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Wolves affiliated with the Minnesota Timberwolves in the 2017-2018 season. Consistency in branding by the organization has grown the fan base to almost 100,000, which is 2nd in the G League.

The Wolves are proud of their social responsibility within the community. For example they have holiday shopping for underprivileged kids at Scheels, a Metro League for 400 players to develop their skills (no coaches), Hoops for Troops, Community Celebrities where game jerseys are auctioned off to benefit non-profits. Our game with them on February 23rd is predicted to be a sellout game with a predicted 7,000-9,000 in attendance. This will allow us to meet our goals for money towards polio from at game donations.

Ed Arnold then gave some follow-up information about the specifics of this game and the impact it makes on polio eradication. There are 14 clubs that participate in any one year, 18 overall over the years. There is an "Arnold" trophy that has been awarded to the club that sells the most tickets. Our club won the first year, West Polk has won for 7 years and West DSM won last year. 289 tickets were sold by our club last year. This year will be our 15th game. Overall we have: sold 14,980 tickets, have net \$150,000, with the Gates' Foundation match \$450,000. We have been able to immunized over 750,000 children and have spurred the power of volunteers such as Pakistan which has 250,000 and Afghanistan 30,000. He directed us to the global initiative on the district website for the latest data on current global cases. Buy your tickets from the QR code on our Facebook page and webpage to buy your tickets and support our fight to end polio now!

Scribe, Kelly Peterson



Goal: 1,000 lbs!

Future Information



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Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jan 12	Bill D. Corwin	Tim Olejniczak	Tony Hunt	Bill Grask
Jan 19	Dianne Downing	Doyle Sanders	Joe Kobes	Bob Moore
Jan 26	Leray Glendenning	Julia Taylor	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				



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2023 NW Rotary Christmas Party



"Bells were ringing, that Christmas night. When Rotary joined together for a tasty bite."

Thanks to all, who joined in for a special evening of fellowship to celebrate a great year of Rotary and the Holidays!