



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

January 10, 2025

This Week's Program:

Margo Miller
Anawim Housing
Monarch Supportive Housing

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Joe Kobes

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin

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Future Programs

1/17: TBA

1/24: TBA

1/31: Angie Arthur
Homeward Iowa

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

I hope everyone is having a good week so far! I am not sure if the same goes for everyone else, but Tuesday seems like the day this week that everyone is finally getting focused back in after the holidays. My Tuesday (day that I write the Prez Sez) has probably been one of my busiest days in a while and I think it is because everyone was putting stuff off until the holidays are over. I also hope that everyone is staying warm, these last few days have been freezing!



Ok, now to some Rotary business, I normally don't like to make business my focus on these, but for this week I feel like it is important, and I have always said that I want to be upfront and honest with the club. After last Friday's meeting we got some tough news from the Ramada that they are going to start to charge us a room fee, I do not know when this will formally take place as I am trying to get a call schedule with them, but they have yet to give me a day or time that we can talk about it. I believe the reason for the charge is due to them no longer doing catering themselves that they are officially not making any money off us as we are basically just reimbursing them for the food that is being catered in. So, by them catering in the food the only way they can make a profit on us is to start charging us for the room. I will let everyone know what I find out, and the board is having a meeting this Thursday (week earlier than normal) to discuss options for a meeting location. I will let everyone know on Friday what the board discussed and what I have found out from the hotel as I am hoping to have a conversation with the tomorrow (Wednesday). With all that being said if anyone has any ideas on what they may think would be a good meeting location please let myself or someone on the board know. We WILL BE MEETING AT RAMADA this Friday though and hopefully will have more information to share with everyone then. Last thing I will say is this has come as a blindside and without any prior discussion, but if you see Jade on Friday please still be nice to her as this is something that has come from her manager that is located in Illinois.

So, as a lesson that we can apply to live or in Rotary is to be able to adjust and prepare for the unexpected. I know with system changes at work, and technology all around that changes are always happening, and we can either adapt with a good attitude or not embrace the change. One thing I know for certain is I was much more successful and less stressed when I just embraced the change vs fighting change. I am still very excited about this year and look forward to our club continuing to make a big impact in 2025!

Sorry this week is a little shorter, but been busy at the office and trying to come up with some solutions for meeting location and I am looking forward to updating everyone with what the board has discussed and decided on this Thursday at our meeting.

Scribbles...

Heidi Drager - Rotary Club of HOPE

This past Friday we heard from Heidi and Dennis Drager (Immediate PDG) who told us the story of how they turned a FY 24 District Area of Focus into an actual Rotary Club.



Dennis reminded us that one of the District's prior year's areas of focus was to support organizations that serve the unsheltered. In response, our club held a clothing drive,

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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)
 Ankeny, Magee's Irish Pub, (6:00 pm)
 Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
 Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
 Norwalk, City State Bank, (Noon)
 West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Lutheran Church of the Cross (7:00 am)
 Adel, Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. (Noon)

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
 Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
 Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)
 Rotary Club of HOPE, First & Third Thursday of Month (5:30 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Friday

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

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provided coats to Joppa's clients and extended a grant to the same organization. Working with an already chartered club, Heidi and Dennis founded the Rotary Club of Homeless Outreach, Prevention and Education ("HOPE").

There is plenty of information on their website regarding the Club of HOPE; briefly, the club meets 2x per month via Zoom (1st and 3rd Thursday) with two types of members – active and associate, meaning all Rotarians can easily participate in both meetings and service activities.

Club members strive to lead a dialogue that results in more positive outcomes, understanding that the first step in solving an issue like homelessness (which is being solved by organizations such as Joppa ad homeward Iowa) is to increase awareness and elevate the discourse.

There are plenty of "next steps": for example, HOPE members are currently establishing one Sunday a month during which we can join a team of Joppa volunteers on a route providing food and other essential items to the unsheltered. ZOOM into one of the next HOPE meetings to find out one of the many ways in which you also can help solve the issue of homelessness.

Scribe, Jack Bell

Upcoming Events

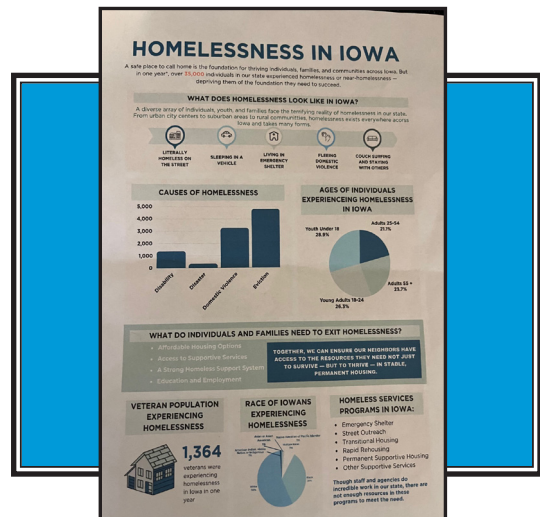
Board Meeting - Thursday January 9 - Noon
 at Cozy Cafe on 86th Street

CFUM - February 17th & April 21

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

Tim Olejniczak

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Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jan 17	Mark McAndrews	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Dianne Downing
Jan 24	Bob Moore	Tony Hunt	Kelly Peterson	Leray Glendenning
Jan 31	Jack Bell	Joe Kobes	Dan Boes	Bill Grask

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!

