

Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Kelly Peterson

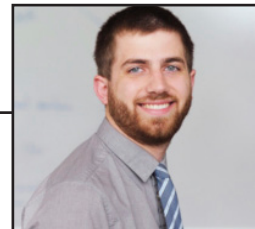
Art, it is all around us, according to last week's speaker. I tend to agree. I love art! Since his talk, I have noticed art installations in front of public buildings, a few electrical boxes, murals, and one street performer downtown. The person that was my long-term substitute when I was on maternity leave from teaching was an artist. His wife was thrilled when I offered him his first "real" job. His art was "found" art. He would take ordinary items discarded by others and create sculptures. I owned one that was called "How Do You Like Me So Far?" that used a teapot as the body and a teacup with a face painted on it as the head and face, with teaspoons from high tea as the arms and legs. So see, art can be found and formed anywhere and from anything!



Did you know that there is the International ART Fellowship of Rotarians? It is an open group for artists, gallery owners and managers, art collectors and curators representing all kinds of art "who want to support Rotary with charity projects with their performance and artworks". This is for artists who are already Rotarians or those willing to donate for charity events and causes. They also hope to gain recognition for the artists and their art as well as bringing awareness to Rotary and our work. So, if you are an artist or know one, you can help them and their artwork get noticed, as well as do good for the work of Rotary. Win-win in my opinion. So keep up those sip and paint events and those ceramics classes... you never know!

Scribbles...

Blake Rozendaal - Urbandale Public Arts



Our speaker on January 6th was Blake Rozendaal, a member of the Urbandale Public Art Committee. The Committee was created in 2008 to enhance the appearance of the City of Urbandale through the integration of art in the public environment. Blake noted that "art" comes in many representations, including the following themes: Community, Culture, Education, Family, History and Vision. The Committee is a subgroup of the Parks and Recreation Commission and therefore makes any recommendations to members of that commission.

The various pieces of art that adorn and highlight the uniqueness of the City can be viewed in a number of locations. For example, pieces are on display at the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery and City Hall and rotate every 2-3 months. There are also pieces at the Urbandale Art Park, there is "Splash Art" located in various parts of the city on sidewalks, bridges (yes, a shark's mouth is painted on one underpass) and even electrical boxes.

The sources of these pieces are far and wide, highlighting individuals from both the local area as well as further afield. For example - to highlight the "History" and "Culture" themes, at the Urbandale Fire Department there is "9-11 Memorial Steel", given to the department by the New York Port Authority. "Across Currents", a sculpture by Bouunak Thammovang, can be found on the Walter Johnson Park Trail and is a metaphor for people of different backgrounds at their first meeting. For more detailed information on the location of all of the pieces and background on both the art and the artist, please visit the City of Urbandale's website.

Looking ahead, the Committee will be focusing on the performing arts, increasing the amount of Splash Art and considering the idea of holding an arts festival. Blake promised to keep us updated as the year progresses.

Scribe, Jack Bell

January 13, 2023

This Week's Program:

Jan Herke
Urbandale Community
Rec Complex

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Jake Heston

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Eric Idehen

Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

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Future Programs

1/20: Troy Peterson
Valorfit

1/27: TBA

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (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, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (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, Drake University - Courtside Club (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting at UGCC
Thursday, January 19th - 11:45

St. Vincent's Work Day
Tuesday, January 31st - 4:00 - Sign up online

Iowa Wolves Polio Plus Basketball Night
Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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

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This & That

Things to Do In the New Year

Try Something New

Trying new activities and seeing new places not only make life richer, they can also improve your mood and sense of well-being.

Organize Your Pantry

Start by removing everything, throwing out expired items as you go. Wipe down shelves, and restock items by type and use (for example, put all your baking supplies in one spot for easy access). Don't use that blender much? To the top shelf it goes!

Indulge in Some "Me Time"

Wash away the old year, and rest up for what's ahead with a long soak in the tub with bath salts.

Clean Out Your Closet

Give yourself a fresh—and tidy—start by taking some time to spruce up your closet. Create a give-away pile to drop off at your local donation spot. Hang items on matching hangers and by color for a super-organized and satisfying arrangement.

Birthdays

January 13

Mary Johnson



Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	<u><i>Greeter</i></u>	<u><i>Invocation</i></u>	<u><i>Sergeant</i></u>	<u><i>Scribe</i></u>
Jan. 20	Derek Sparks	Leray Glendenning	Ntwari Gakunzi	Bob Moore
Jan. 27	Larry Sample	Bill D. Corwin	Marv Johnson	Tim Olejniczak
Feb. 3	Julia Taylor	Bill Grask	Doyle Sanders	Jack Bell
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Kelly Peterson by finding your substitute!				