



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

This past Friday evening and Saturday I was at the DMACC campus in Newton learning about District Leadership's vision for FY25. As I've noted numerous times, I always look forward to these gatherings to also reconnect and get caught up with Rotarians from around the district. It was great talking with Vernetta Knapp and Matt Coen about Juanito, Gretchen Nollman about The River Bend Food Bank, Steve Dakin about RYLA and Dennis and Heidi about Joppa. We heard from DGE Dave, DGN Norlan, and DGD Bill, among others, about plans for the district and met incoming club leadership. And we learned a bit about squirrels and received an acorn.

District goals are driven by President Elect Stephanie Urchick, whose theme for FY25 is "The Magic of Rotary" (she also notes that the theme can be preceded by any verb). Her view is that "[We] create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every member new member inducted." In line with this view, she has chosen goals which focus on membership and foundation for the coming year.

We'll save her goals for a future discussion, but one can imagine that she wants to create even more hope using the magic of rotary. Therefore, I guess we'll see the word "increase" in several future communications.

To wrap things up, Dave told a story about his visit to an Area conference in Chicago and his chance to visit the Paul Harris House on the southside. During his visit to the home – known as Comely Bank – he and his wife Lisa marveled at the yard and couldn't help but notice an abundance of acorns. While driving back from Comely Bank, they turned around, returned, and gathered a box full of acorns. Dave and Lisa distributed the acorns to us at the end of the day on Saturday, working a Paul Harris acorn-to-oak analogy with the origins, growth, and expansion of Rotary – and all of the associated good that happens in the world as a result.

Marvel at the Magic of Rotary!

Jack

Scribbles...

Andrew Batt - Iowa PBS



Andrew Batt, Executive Director of Iowa PBS addressed the club and gave us an overview of Iowa PBS's history and vision for the future. While he has only been the executive director for a couple of weeks, he has 2 decades of service to Iowa PBS and is well versed in its history and mission.

Iowa PBS was founded in 1969 and originally broadcast from a studio at Tech High School. From those humble beginnings, the mission has been constant to serve and expose Iowa. From those early days Iowa PBS has expanded to serve Iowa through multiple over the air channels as well as many streaming services (Hulu, YouTube, PBS Apps). Iowa PBS now serves nearly 2 million users every month through 9 transmitters, 8 translators and various streaming services.

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February 23, 2024

This Week's Program:

Courtney Davenport

Valerius Elementary
School Girls Program

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Joe Kobes

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson



2022-23 Officers & Directors

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Dianne Downing, Secretary

Ed Arnold, Board Member

Bill D. Corwin, Board Member

Kelly Peterson, Past President



Future Programs

3/1: Chris Bertelson
Rotary Foundation

3/8: Dr. Jimmy Reyes
Diabetes Mgmt &
Familial Project - Nigeria

3/15: Tim Olejniczak
Professional Development

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, 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

District Foundation Socials - February 26
Iowa Wolves Polio Night - Friday, February 23
CFUM Supper Club (To-Go) -
Monday, February 26
District Assembly - Saturday, March 30
Pickleball Programs - April 12 & 13

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

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Iowa PBS is locally owned and operated. Our state has more locally produced content than many larger systems. From Studio 3 Live, featuring Iowa Artists as well as regional and national acts, Road Trip Iowa, Iowa Ingredient to Tractor Wars (a documentary garnering significant interest from other states with a rural tradition).

Corporate support for Iowa PBS has been waning over the past years, however, support remains strong to keep Iowa PBS serving the people of Iowa as the state and broadcast system continue to evolve.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

Out & About

Jack Bell attended the President Elect Orientation last Saturday. Here are a couple pics which include Dave Cook, District Governor Elect, addressing the group. Then a photo of the fiscal year 25 group of President Elect's. Looks like a good crew for another successful year of Rotary!



Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

Mar 1	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Doyle Sanders	Kelly Peterson
Mar 8	Bob Moore	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor	Bill Grask
Mar 15	Tim Olejniczak	Wendy Kriegshauser	Dan Boes	Jake Heston

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!



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