



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

As we've been highlighting, one of District Governor Dennis' areas of focus this year is to support an agency that helps the homeless. We've had Joe Stevens from Joppa visit our club twice, once during a presentation by Amber Lewis from the City of Des Moines. We've also directed our clothing donations to Joppa. This week I'll provide some background on the work Joppa does each week. Volunteers are critical for this work; it's easy to sign up and go on a route. Here's how it works:

Joppa has routes each Sunday (and on Saturdays from December through the end of March to provide heat). When I write "each Sunday", this means something close to the past 700 consecutive Sundays! Upon arrival at Euclid around noon, you'll see teams loading color-coded carts for each of the 10 routes. Carts are pre-arranged outside the center so all that is required is to pull up and load. The contents are what you expect - hot and cold meals, produce, bakery, canned goods, medical items, sundry food items and "mail". "Mail" consists of specific requests from clients from previous weeks and are generally batteries, blankets, and shoes.

Everyone - usually around 30 people - gathers inside for last minute instructions: approach camps in teams, be respectful, spend a bit of time talking; cars begin leaving before 1 pm. Teams are 3-5 people, depending on the route. I was on the green route this past Sunday and we had 9 stops and saw over 50 individuals. Gloves were distributed, mail was delivered, and additional requests were taken. Each team has an iPad to log those served, note requests and other route changes.

I had the iPad this week which allowed for more time for conversation, including with one person had only recently become homeless. I told her about the resource center, and she's set to meet Joppa on Tuesday to find assistance and, hopefully, permanent shelter. We arrived back at the center around 4:30, where we were met with yet another team that unloaded for us, allowing for a quick departure. As I indicated when I introduced Joe at a recent meeting, everything is thoughtfully and efficiently organized, and goes beyond the provision of material aid. If you would like to provide hope to those without shelter, please let me know or go to the Joppa website.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Tim Olejniczak - Professional Development



Tim Olejniczak - born and raised in Ankeny. Heavily involved in extra curricular activities at Ankeny Christian and even started but didn't sing in a school play. He had an illustrious High school Basketball and football career at Ankeny Christian Academy holding many state records. Went to school and played basketball at AIB - graduated in 2016 and started his career with Edwards Jones - His opportunity to play in the Iowa shriners bowl helped him find his passion to help those in need. Tim loves to travel and support his Huskers. One of his

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March 22, 2024

This Week's Program:

Jessica Dunker
Iowa Restaurant Assoc.

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Tony Hunt



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Future Programs

3/29: TBA

4/5: TBA

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 Assembly - Saturday, March 30
 Pickleball Tourney - April 12 & 13
 District Celebration - Saturday, April 20
 CFUM Full Service Meal - Monday, April 22
 Trail Clean-up - Sunday, May 5

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

Jack Bell
 jackbell@yahoo.com

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favorite travels was to Singapore, he loved modernization and architecture. Excited for his future with his girlfriend Billie and their dog. He is the future president of our Rotary, and we are excited for the leadership he we will bring to the club.

Jake Heston, Scribe



No Meeting
 Friday, April 19



We Need A New GOAL!

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Mar 29	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask	Dianne Downing	Joe Kobes
Apr 5	Kelly Peterson	Jake Heston	Mark McAndrews	Tim Olejniczak
Apr 12	Dan Boes	Tony Hunt	Bob Moore	Doyle Sanders
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				



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