



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

As Bill D Corwin has been known to say "...the pickleball tournament is upon us!". According to my calendar, this is our 6th Annual Pickleball for a Purpose Tournament. This year the tourney will be held at Dinks Pickleball at 3800 Merle Hay Road. Or as vintage members indicate: "The Old Kohl's".

The Crazy Eights tournament begins on Friday evening, April 12, at 6 pm and the main tournament begins on Saturday, April 13 at 8am. You can sign up to compete in the main tournament on April 13 using the QR code included below. Or you can contact us at nwdesmoinesrotary@gmail.com and we'll send you the details.

We also are still looking for a few volunteers for various tasks at Dinks, both on Friday later afternoon/early evening and during the day on Saturday. The link to a SignUpGenuis site was distributed to some last Friday. I can resend that link and/or also help to get someone signed up directly – just send me an email or give me a ring.

While the lure of competing for the championship trophy might be reason enough to sign up, just a reminder that proceeds from the tourney go to our Foundation. In addition to provide funding for our Coats for Kids project, the Foundation is also used to support charitable organizations...during 2023 some of these organizations included DMARC, the Urbandale Food Pantry, the Salvation Army, and Clive Community Services.

Hope to see you this weekend at Dinks!

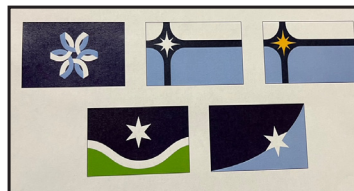
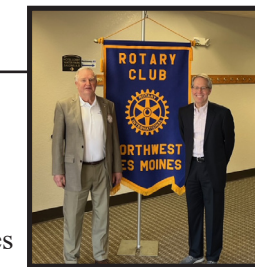
Scribbles...

A.J. Johnson - Urbandale City Manager

On April 5th we got the chance to hear from A.J Johnson who serves as Urbandale's City Manager. He is a graduate of Wartburg College and then went on to get his masters from Drake university. A.J has spent his whole life working for cities or as ED put it A.J. has been a Public "Dole" for 40 years.

A.J. Has been with the city of Urbandale for 15 years and he highlighted some of the projects that are going to be taking place. First he talked about how on the week of 4/15 spring cleanup begins and you should've received in the mail what you are allowed to include in that, also if you have electronics you are trying to get rid of they are letting you drop them off to be recycled at city hall on 4/13. One service that I found to be interesting is that if you are wanting to get any appliances removed from your house and taken away the city will do it for you for a fee. A.J really highlighted the city's website and encouraged people to go check it out, some things you may see on there include: Services the city will do for you, a tutorial to help you understand the letter you got in your mail about taxes, and also every Friday they give a construction progress report on all the projects taking place in Urbandale.

If you are a resident of Urbandale be sure to go online to vote for one of the 5 finalist for a new city flag, and the last thing that truly caught my eye was the fact that Urbandale can almost double in size still. Urbandale right now sits at right around 46,000 people and A.J believes that can get to at least 70,000.



Scribe, Tim Olejniczak

April 12, 2024

This Week's Program:

Bob Rafferty
Energy Revolution

Arranged By:

Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Bob Moore

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders



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Future Programs

4/19: No Meeting

4/26: Kelly Peterson
Campfire

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

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:

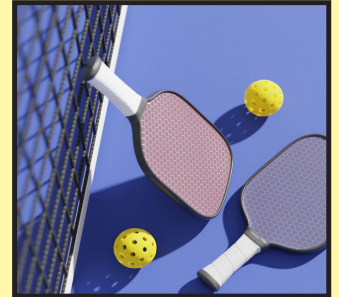
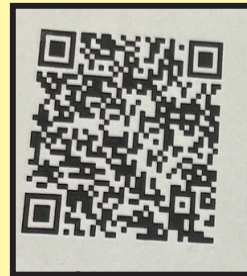
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This & That

Pickleball Tournament

This weekend is the big Pickle Ball Tournament! If you have not got signed up yet, here is the QR code which will link you to the sign-up form.

We look forward to another successful tourney!



Once A month we will be recognizing members years of service in the club!
 Here is the first installment!!

Anniversary

Joe Kobes 38 Years

Jake Heston 2 Years

No Meeting

Friday, April 19

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Apr 19	Dan Boes	Tony Hunt	Bob Moore	Doyle Sanders
Apr 26	Bill D. Corwin	Joe Kobes	Wendy Kriegshauser	Julia Taylor
May 3	Dianne Downing	Mark McAndrews	Wendi Wilson	Kelly Peterson
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				