



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

It began with at the comment: "Cerveza Above Self" and included a harrowing tale of a single engine plane nearly plunging into the ocean one hour south of Honolulu. Sandwiched between was a gripping story of how nearly \$2 million was raised to help eradicate polio despite an encounter with a pandemic, a continental land war, a potentially fatal parasite and constant mechanical trouble from shortly after liftoff. However, like the Brady Bunch episode when Vincent Price had Cindy and Peter cornered in that cave in Hawaii, we're going to have to wait until next week for the conclusion.

In the interim it's time for a reminder that we have our annual raffle ticket sale to generate \$\$\$ for coats for 500 local kids going on over at the HyVee in Urbandale. We started bright and early this past Saturday; Bill D had everything set up well before 8:30 and Ed was already pitching tickets in the frozen food section of the store (not really, but it is a good visual). Like prior years, Shirley was there with free samples of cake and pizza and the American Legion sold poppies and once again heard the story of my grandfather in France in 1917.

Traffic was on the lighter side until 10am when ticket sheets began disappearing quicker than the candy strategically placed at the end of the table. It doesn't take long to gage a customer's interest level: savings that come with the coupons, keeping young students warm during the Iowa winters, just having a chat, or those that just want to collect groceries and aren't interested in my pickleball injury.

Sunday morning saw good traffic with sales more than 200 tickets – which translates to quite a few warm kids in December - from 9-1pm. Starting from 1 pm Wendi and I saw a constant stream of interested shoppers ready with credit cards, \$ and in one case an IOU (please don't tell our treasurer Bill Corwin...). The first time I checked the time it was already 2:20.

One can only imagine how busy this coming Memorial Day Weekend will be. My guess is we could use at least 6 people for that 11-1pm time slot on Saturday. Please sign up on Friday or send Joe an email. And many thanks again to HyVee for allowing us to use their premises for such a cause.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Kelly Peterson - Campfire

Kelly grew up in California blended family with 5 brothers. She graduated from Cal State in Chico. She was a teacher and a bi-lingual translator before the call to be a life-long camper. She has attended camp every year since 3 rd grade. She started as a professional camper in private camping, then faith-based camping with the United Methodist Church, and, since 2020, agency camping with Camp Fire. She knew no one when she arrived in Iowa; and because of the pandemic, the first thing she did was cancel everything.

Camp Fire's mission is to connect young people to the outdoors, to others and to themselves. It was founded in 1910 by Dr. Luther & Charlotte Guslick, The first camp was at Ledges State Park in 1919 in camp grounds now known as Camp Hantesa. It became co-ed in 1975.

Camp Fire sponsors a wide variety of camping experiences. It has 3 Des Moines and one

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May 24, 2024

This Week's Program:

Elizabeth Weyers
Farmers Market

Arranged By:

Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Kelly Peterson



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Future Programs

5/24: Scott Raecker

6/7: Kaity Patchett
Capital Crossroads

6/14: Ben Godar
Varsity Cinema

This & That



Thanks to all who volunteered selling tickets at Hy-Vee for our annual Coat Drive. Also a BIG thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. We still have May 25 & 26 that we will be camped out at Hy-Vee selling tickets.

So be sure to tell your family and friends and stop by!!



Upcoming Events

Club Board Meeting, May 24
Raffle Ticket Sales at Hy-Vee, May 25 & 26
RYLA Grinnell College, July 14 - 19

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

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Ames Day Camps providing quality day care for some of the 50,000 Iowa children who have no access to day care. Scholarships are available through partnerships with a wide variety of organizations.

Camp Hantesa, with summer day camps and overnight camps, has Leadership camp for grades 9 & 10, Appentice Camp where 11 th & 12 th graders can become licenced day care providers, Camp Brave for Youth impacted by crime, and a camp for refugees.

They host Volunteer Days where corporate partners volunteer. Those partnerships also yield additional benefits to Camp Fire. Upcoming projects are replacement of their swinging bridge, pool repairs, and a new climbing wall. Kelly finds that corporations are not giving through United Way as its admin cost is too high. That requires Camp Fire to make direct funding appeals such as the recent S'Mores and Pours event that raised \$6000. It is coming up again on September 14.

Little known fact: Rice Krispie treats were first created at a Camp Fire event. The biggest change over Kelly's career is the ubiquitousness of electronics, especially cell phones. Camp Fire Camps are "Cell phone free" zones. The other big change is increase of helicopter parents, especially in private camping. Her favorite career moments came while she was in bi-lingual education where she saw people, generally from Mexico, who had success and were so proud of their achievements and the impact they had in giving their kids success in the United States.

Kudos, Kelly, for a great career!

Scribe, Doyle Sanders

Birthdays

May 16 Ed Arnold



Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

May 31	Dianne Downing	Mark McAndrews	Julia Taylor	Bill D. Corwin
June 7	Leray Glendenning	Bob Moore	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask
June 14	Bill Grask	Tim Olejniczak	Doyle Sanders	Jake Heston

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



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