



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

Thanks to all who volunteered to sell raffle tickets once again this past weekend at the HyVee in Urbandale. As you can see from some of the pictures, we were outside, the weather was great, Pack the Pantry was busy, customers were chatty, and ribs were on the grill – and we were downwind! We will get an update at our meeting, but I believe that a record number of purses and wallets were opened and tickets sold (and blueberry pies eaten) resulting in more coats for area students and those served by Joppa.

Much gratitude again to HyVee for all they have done to support Rotary and the community – over the past month that support has included (at least) feeding those in the River Bend neighborhood, keeping kids warm, reducing food insecurity and supporting Veterans.

The introduction to last week's newsletter teased the Incredible Story of the Flight Around the World To End Polio. In mid-May, John Rodgers (WDSM Club) organized a presentation of the flight by the two pilots, Rotarians John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen. Rotarians from 5 clubs attended and heard, among other things, John speak about flying over 30,000 miles, making 37 landings in 19 countries over 90 days, all with one engine, and for thousands of miles without autopilot – from Canada to Australia! My notes indicate that the original goal was to raise \$10,000 (\$30,000 including the match from the Gates Foundation). As of mid-May that amount was over \$2,000,000!

I have already noted a few of the titanic-sized obstacles that John and Peter were faced with, beginning from Day 1: a land war, global pandemic, parasitic infection(s), the aforementioned loss of autopilot....

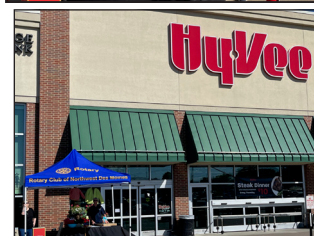
The only way to get the full force of the entire trip is to attend one of these presentations, which I cannot recommend strongly enough. The talk lasted one hour, and I could have sat through another two, easily. I can also imagine that each time they speak a different story emerges, depending on what storyline they wish to pursue.

Experience it if you get the chance and see the extraordinary lengths that Rotarians will go to Create Hope (and Belief) in the World.

Scribbles...

Elizabeth Weyers - Farmers Market

Elizabeth went from an intern to an onsite Ambassador to the Manager of the Market. She oversees a team of 6 people. The market is part of the Greater DSM Partnership and part of the World Food and Out to Lunch Festivals. There was a small market from 1911-1948. The current market with the Greater DSM partnership started on July 24th 1976 with 15 vendors and 200 shoppers. Phil's produce was one of the original vendors and is still a vendor today. This season is the 49th market season. The market runs May- September 7-12, and October 8-12. She said be there by 7:30, 8:00 at the very latest, or it will be crowded. The prior record was 33,000 attendees, but opening day broke the record having 34,000 shoppers. The record has been broken again with 45,000



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May 31, 2024

This Week's Program:

Scott Raecker

Arranged By:

Tim Olejniczak

Greeter:

Dianne Downing

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Raffle Drawing

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin



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Future Programs

6/7: Kaity Patchett
Capital Crossroads

6/14: Ben Godar
Varsity Cinema

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

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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shoppers. The market now has 300 vendors with 320 on the roster, 100 entertainers, over 11 city blocks. A new addition has been the addition of Water Street North of Court Ave.

2024 Market Programs:

Unity Health DSM Highlighting Local Non-Profits

Market Extra: Organizations such as Cubs, Wild, NASCAR

Entertainment/Music

DSM Small Business Support: Spark Program

DMARC Meals: 4,000 lbs of Produce Donated

Pop Up Activations: Yoga, Flower Arranging,

ISU Study: Tracking Market Trends

Spark DSM:

Business Incubator to support small businesses.

Elizabeth went on to highlight convenience aspects of the market. Bike Valets, DART D line shuttle is free and stops every 15 minutes from 8:00-5:00.

The Farmer's Market receives over 400 applications per year. Applicants are reviewed by an external jury of partners, sponsors, and ambassadors. Always looking for new vendors around produce, products and growers but have to meet the criteria of : Is there a need?, Is it unique? This year there are only 50 new vendors. Vendors pay an application fee and a weekly fee for their space. Elizabeth closed with the market has expanded into a Winter Farmer's Market November 17-19 in the Hy-Vee Hall. The only free holiday market in the city.

Kelly Peterson-Scribe

Birthdays



May 27 Doyle Sanders

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair



Greeter

Invocation

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June 7

Leray Glendenning

Bob Moore

Wendi Wilson

Bill Grask

June 14

Bill Grask

Tim Olejniczak

Doyle Sanders

Jake Heston

June 21

Tony Hunt

Julia Taylor

Wendi Wilson

Bob Moore

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