



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

One of the many reasons I moved home was for weekends like this most recent one. An Ironman triathlon event was held in Des Moines and friends from high school were once again competing. Because swimming, biking and then running ridiculous distances generally requires a collaborative approach, we had two teams of Burlington Greyhounds from the classes of 1981 and 82. Editor's note: JB was not a participant!

Other former classmates decided to venture to Des Moines and make the weekend a mini class reunion. Friends came from St Louis, Michigan, Texas, Chicago, Florida and Iowa City. Plans started to form in the spring and as the date approached the who-was-to-bring-what discussions took place (notwithstanding those discussions - hosting a barbeque nearly always results in an over-abundance of food, and numerous injuries from yard work).

Friends, some of whom I hadn't seen in 4 decades, started to arrive on Thursday and we spent Friday and Saturday catching up and, in most cases, wondering how so much time could've passed since Bonnie Keen's history class.

Sunday morning arrived and the teams met at Gray's Lake. It went swimmingly until around 9:15 when I received a call: our bicyclist Dave had crashed 5 miles in! A group of us spent the remainder of the morning and most of the afternoon in the ER at Iowa Methodist (or tracking down phone and insurance information). Dave sustained five fractures including three broken ribs, a condition not unlike the ambient music at Price Chopper - nothing you can do about it! Because the ortho had not visited, there was no clarity regarding length of stay or surgery.

Amidst all of this, we did manage to celebrate a bit - our other team did finish without incident - and even sneak in some food to Dave. Through it all I was constantly reminded of the wonderful friends I had reconnected with and how great it feels to be home.

Thank you for all you do in the world, Jack

Scribbles...

Kaity Patchett - Capital Crossroads

Kaity Patchett, the executive director from Capital Crossroads, spoke to us on Friday June 7th. She joined Capital Crossroads in March of this year. Kaity comes from the world of politics and government policy. She worked with Cindy Axne's team and as a legislative clerk in the Iowa House.

Capital Crossroads' vision is "A roadmap for opportunity and prosperity for all". The collaboration between city governments, businesses, school districts, nonprofits and residents was formed 12 years ago. They strive to bring local leaders together and produce tangible outcomes for what are considered Central Iowa's biggest economic drivers. This collaboration was formed by the Central Iowa Community to benefit the Central Iowa Community.

We are actually in the third iteration of the collaboration. The roadmap was released in January 2024 with full completion planned for 2040. Kaity's job is to coordinate the awareness to focus on select goals that are critical to our region's future success. This plan should both

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June 14, 2024

This Week's Program:

Micheal Wagler
Varsity Cinema

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Bill Grask

Invocation:

Tim Olejniczak

Sergeant:

Doyle Sanders

Scribe:

Jake Heston



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Future Programs

6/21: Passing of the Gavel

6/28: TBA

7/5: No Meeting
Happy 4th of July!

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

Board Meeting, June 21

CFUM, June 24

District I-Cubs Game, June 24

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

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strengthen our community's foundations and engage in meaningful placemaking. Four cornerstones were designed as overarching focus areas for action. They include: Economic Opportunity and Prosperity, Community and Cultural Connections, Thriving Neighborhoods and Youth Investment.

Their staff is small and is funded by the community. They meet quarterly with a 44-member regional council and 5 co-chairs. They have picked 2 areas to start on this year. They are Education and Workforce housing. They plan on collaborating with other organizations to help solve the issues in the community. In the workforce collaborative, the first goal is to complete an ecosystem map that will basically identify what support exists and who they serve. Capital Crossroads is a great way to discover and share resources for improving the city. If you are interested in volunteering, you can check out their website at www.capitalcrossroadvision.com.

Scribe, Wendi Wilson

Anniversary



Dan Boes 19 Years

Jack Bell 11 Years

Birthdays



June 13 Jack Bell

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
June 21	Tony Hunt	Julia Taylor	Wendi Wilson	Bob Moore
June 28	Joe Kobes	Kelly Peterson	Dan Boes	Tim Olejniczak
July 5	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!</i>				