



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

News for the weekly Club meetings going forward. Without even noticing it, I led my last Friday meeting as President last week. It was a great one to go out on. I know I am not done until July, but Lisa and I are off on a Basilica Touring adventure trip this week, so I will miss the meeting. Kelly Peterson was willing to fill in for me. Thank you, Kelly. Back to last week's meeting. We had a visitor show up to our meeting at least 30 minutes early last week. Johnathan Cuala, a Rotarian from Uganda, was in attendance. He has an amazing project he's working on and is coming back this week to share some details with us. I was so impressed with Kelly's rotation last week about the first day of Camp Fire Camp this year. If you want to know more, ask Kelly about the falling tree, the biter, the runner, tow truck driver. All events she described for us that I will never forget. Being President of this Club should be a nice break for her from what she described happening in just that one day of camp.



That was one kick-off to a very special meeting for me last Friday. To meet and spend time with Ms. Darlene Wagner and her husband Chris at the meeting was very pleasant. It was easy to see why Dr. Schlueter and our committee selected Ms. Wagner for the Lepley Hero in Education award. As a group we managed to get the big check changed over just in time from our first to our second presentation. See the photos in the letter. We also got to meet our college scholarship recipient, Crystal Ruden and her father Ben. Doyle Sanders got quite winded describing Crystal's lists of Academic, Athletic, Entrepreneurial, and Service accomplishments. When Crystal came up to speak we found that the power and energy to serve was her faith as a Christian. She was very clear that her faith coupled with her God-given talents were the reasons behind her successes. She mentioned several times how her big-hearted nature fueled her desire to help others. It was very clearly a Service Above Self-theme unfolding as she spoke to us. She said with great conviction that she did not see that slowing down as she moves on to further her education. I thank the committee for finding such a well-rounded candidate for our assistance.

Ben, Crystal's father, owns the Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt store on 86th Street. His business is a few doors down from our Club member Dr. Wendy Wilson at Advanced Eyecare. One of those small world coincidences that seem to happen a lot around our Club!

This Thursday will be my last board meeting as President. I will do so at the installation dinner, but I will say here again how wonderful it has been to serve with this year's board. We have really worked to get to move towards a new normal. The year we lost members and member spouses, our membership changed with some members leaving and new ones coming in, and some coming back. Long-standing service projects have had to change to new ways of us providing the service, and we have taken on some new projects that came to us. We raised money for projects and have done projects to spend the money. We have had some great socials and parties. All-in-all, I would say this year was one that continued to move the Club back to where we were prior to pandemic. I know that each of our board members has worked hard this year to make that happen. I look forward to continuing to serve the Club going forward and I am excited to see where to go from here.

Remember the next Friday meeting after this one will be July 1st (we are not meeting on the 24th) and it will be Kelly Peterson's first Friday meeting as President. We have Kelly's installation dinner on the 23rd and no meeting on the 24th.

This is my last Prez Sez and I really thank you. The Club has given me so much content to share each week and I have been practicing my written communication skills at the same time. A win-win, for sure. I will be forever positively changed by the experience.

Thanks for all the good you do in the world every day.

June 17, 2022

### *This Week's Program:*

Steve Alcorn  
Heartland Grehound  
Adoption

Arranged By:

Jenifer M-K

Greeter:

Jenifer M-K

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Brad Helgemo

Scribe:

Dave Piersel

### *2021-22 Officers & Directors*

- Bill D. Corwin, President
- Kelly Peterson, President Elect
- Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer
- Dianne Downing, Secretary
- Ed Arnold, Board Member
- Eric Idehen, Board Member
- Donna Larson, Board Member
- Tim Olejniczak, Board Member
- Kyle Pieper, Board Member
- Beth Goedken, Past President

### *Future Programs*

6/24: No Meeting

7/1: TBA

7/8: TBA

# This & That

## Scribbles *Tim Krueger - Harvest Academy Therapeutic Community*

Harvest Academy is a therapeutic community in Indianola founded by Tim Krueger. It is a two-year therapy community for men from all walks of life including homeless, addiction and gangs. The focus of the community is on the person and not their disorder. They model giving the men a purpose and not "just" a treatment. We were fortunate enough to have a counselor, Minh Nguyen, and a 14-month resident, Troy Roberts, speak with us on how important this community is to so many.



The current facility houses up to 12 people. It is self-sustainable and free to the resident. This model of care is new and it has been proven that those who complete the two-year treatment program have a 90% chance of never returning to their previous life. The application for residency is difficult, including writing a letter of "why" they deserve this second chance. The men need to be open to change and no longer be the victim. They get thousands of letters and have to decide on just 12 for the program. They have group encounters twice a week and begin to understand that Life is 10% of what happens to you but 90% how you react to it. The turn-over rate is high because of the rules to complete: No threats, no substance abuse, no leaving the property without permission, will lead to immediate dismissal. The commitment of the men is to a two year minimum but they can stay up to three years in the program. Many of the men can decide to work as a counselor and mentor the next group.

The men become a part of a business "Harvest Academy Movers." They learn to move both commercial and domestic items. They have the ability to take pride in their work and tell their story at the end of the move. The Harvest Academy Movers can be found online and are competitive in price. They are willing to move items within 100 miles of Indianola. Think of them the next time you move and help support a great cause!

Scribe, Wendi Wilson

### Upcoming Events

**Installation Dinner - for Kelly Peterson**  
Thursday, June 23rd

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

**Jenifer Mercer-  
Klimowski**

Phone: 515-490-3539  
elliotspudmom@yahoo.com

## *Birthdays*

June 14  
**Kelly Peterson**

## Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
June 24 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 1 - TBA	Jack Bell	Leray Glendenning	Eric Idehen	Mark McAndrews
July 8 - TBA	Doyle Sanders	Beth Goedken	Ntwari Gakunzi	Jenifer M-K
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				





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A Scholarship for you..A Scholarship for you...



It was a pleasure to have in attendance our Scholarship Winners!!  
Congratulations to them! Their hard work paid off.  
Our future looks bright with these young minds leading us into the future.