



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

## Prez Sez

Jack Bell

This week is our annual gavel passing – an apt way to describe the transition from one steward to another. Like the baton in a relay race (although hopefully not like last week’s Ironman relay...) the gavel is passed from one at full speed to the next, also at full speed. I initially wasn’t sure about the “race” bit of the analogy; however, we are in a race to end polio, we raced to sell raffle tickets to keep kids warm and we raced to collect the most clothing to donate to Joppa (we won that race!).

I used the word “steward” as that also seems apt to me. Back in my Andersen days, from Day 1 we were told that a key to both our individual and the collective success of the firm was the need for us to understand and practice the concept of stewardship. It soon became clear that we were each stewards of our own immediate world, and that world expanded over time - from our own client workpapers, to a small staff, to multiple clients and then in some cases to divisions and offices, even countries. The firm was in each of our hands, and that was ultimately proven, even if it was in the most disastrous of ways.

And so it is with Rotary (just not the disastrous part). During my first meetings in Gaithersburg it wasn’t clear how the service projects were selected and conducted and how so much was accomplished. But it soon became clear that it was the dedication of the members, each a steward, who created Hope and Magic and Found Rotary.

The same is true here. At our Christmas dinner this year we highlighted the more than 20 local organizations that we had already supported, and that was before more projects and events, the Wolves game, raffle ticket sales, trail clean-ups, CFUM meals and clothing donations over these past 6 months.

This Friday I will pass the gavel to Tim and thank everyone again for their collective stewardship of our club. The relay continues!

Thank you for Creating Hope in the World, Jack

## Scribbles...

### Micheal Wagler - Varsity Cinema



Michael Wagler, from Varsity Theater, gave a history of the Varsity through the 80 years and the redesign and historical preservation that has happened.

The building itself has housed a Studebaker company, Atlantic bottlers, and then theater since 1938.

The funds for fixing the theater (complete with an elevator) was made possible through a non profit and "main street" funding, and partial private ownership. It now features 515 seats, 2nd floor loft seating, and handicap accessible seating.

The current theater was reopened Dec. of 2022, and provides movies 7 days a week and 12 months a year. It has had 200 movies, hosted 14 film makers, has had 40,000 visitors and 6 state wide project awards. Movies are selected for their art value, diverse voice, and of course financial returns. It is supported through 2/3 ticket sales and 1/3 thru non profit of the 1,000 annual members.

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June 21, 2024

### This Week's Program:

## Passing of the Gavel

Arranged By:

Rotary Club

Greeter:

Tony Hunt

Invocation:

Julia Taylor

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Bob Moore



### 2022-23 Officers & Directors

Jack Bell, President

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Ed Arnold, Board Member

Bill D. Corwin, Board Member

Kelly Peterson, Past President



### Future Programs

6/28: Brandie Broadhead Orchard Place

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

7/12: TBA

# 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)

# Scribe Continued...

Coming soon: The building north of the current theater has been purchased for expanding the waiting area, food and beverage, with possibility of renting the space for venues, or considering some building use for future parking.

To get your half off ticket to attend a movie-- GO TO: [www.varsitydesmoines.com](http://www.varsitydesmoines.com) and use ROTARY24. code for your discounted ticket!

Scribe, Julia Taylor

## Annual Passing of the Gavel

Thanks to everyone for making this another successful year!  
 Northwest Rotary is successful because of the effort and dedication each and everyone of you makes to our club.  
 Let's make 2024-25 as great as this year has been!



## Upcoming Events

CFUM, June 24  
 District I-Cubs Game, June 24  
 RYLA Grinnell College, July 14 - 19

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

**Jack Bell**  
[jackbell@yahoo.com](mailto:jackbell@yahoo.com)



## Birthdays

June 14 Kelly Peterson

# Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
June 28	Joe Kobes	Kelly Peterson	Dan Boes	Tim Olejniczak
July 5	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 12	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				



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