



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

## Prez Sez

Jack Bell

Happy New Rotary Year to everyone! I do hope that last Thursday's Installation Dinner was a pleasant evening for all. It's always fun to gather outside of the normal club meeting and engage in some reflection and fellowship. Kelly spoke of some of the club's accomplishments this past year, with wit, remarkable insight and charm. Another Thank You to her and the Board for leading us this past year to Imagine Rotary. Kelly sets a wonderful example by embodying the Rotary way of Service Above Self, both within Rotary and in her professional work at Camp Fire of Iowa. I've reminded 100 Men on a Mission of the work performed at Camp Fire; hopefully there will be a chance in August to present it in person.

And Doyle reminded us of the incredible giving and generosity of our club - it's right there on page 15 of the most recent District 6000 News...we are in second place overall! I don't recall hearing about Paul Harris giving levels that much before I joined this club, so thanks again to Doyle for highlighting this aspect of Rotary.

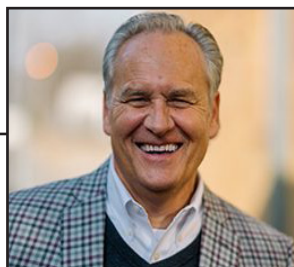
On to the new year: as a fitting commencement we have our new District Governor, Dennis Drager, as our first program of FY24. DG Dennis has been a member of the Marshalltown club since 2000 and has actively served at the local, district and also the international level by virtue of his service in Mexico and Africa. Dennis and his wife Heidi also hosted an exchange student from Brazil. What a perfect way to continue Creating Hope in the World - we will get a firsthand and early view of The District's FY24 Areas of Focus. As a primer, his goals will center around the Seven Areas of Service, while also emphasizing clothes donations and blood donations. The clothes donations will fit in nicely with our work at Saint Vincent de Paul. We'll talk more about this during the year.

On behalf of the Board I wish you all a wonderful year filled with Service. I'm honored to be your President this year.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

## Scribbles...

### Bradford Johnson - Change Course



Our speaker for the June 23rd meeting was Brad Johnson. He represented the nonprofit company, Change Course, which helps people put their lives back together. A free education is offered, along with assistance in finding good-paying jobs.

Brad related how his father was convicted of fraud and went to prison for six months. He said he grew up hating his dad and rebelled, including using drugs and alcohol. He eventually went through rehab and therapy and his relationship with his dad has been restored, ultimately joining with him in Change Course.

The company recently conducted its first class, with seventeen people showing up and seven graduating. Graduates not only move into jobs but experience a full lifestyle change. The next class will begin on July 10th. Fifty-four people have signed up and it is anticipated the actual number will be thirty-five. It is hoped this second class will have at least fifteen graduates.

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July 7, 2023

*This Week's Program:*

**Dennis Drager**  
District Governor

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Tim Olejniczak

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders



### 2022-23 Officers & Directors

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Bill D. Corwin, Board Member

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Kelly Peterson, Past President



### Future Programs

7/14: Julie Fugenschuh  
Project Iowa

7/21: TBA

7/28: 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)  
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...

The education is free, with a stipend to help with living expenses. Participants must follow the rules of the program. Graduates get minimum wage and full benefits from the employers who partner with the program. Funding comes mainly from private donations. More information may be found at: [www.change-course.org](http://www.change-course.org)

David Piersel, Scribe

## Congratulations!

NW Rotary was proud to present a check to our scholarship winner Joseph Rempe. It was a pleasure to have him and his family join us last week.



## Upcoming Events

Sound of Freedom  
Movie July 3-9

RYLA Rotarian Visit Day  
Tuesday, July 18

St. Vincent's Volunteer Day  
Tuesday, July 25, 4-6 pm.

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

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

## Thank You!

A Big THANK YOU to **Kelly Peterson**  
for another successful Northwest Rotary Year  
with her at the helm as President!

We have a great club and truly appreciate those who  
help to make it a success each & every year!

## Future Information



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 14	Bill D. Corwin	Marv Johnson	Dianne Downing	Wendi Wilson
July 21	Kelly Peterson	Joe Kobes	Ntwari Gakunzi	Dan Boes
July 28	Doyle Sanders	Donna Larson	Leray Glendenning	Bill D. Corwin
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				



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