



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Kelly Peterson

Welcome to the new Rotary year! "Imagine Rotary" is this year's theme. When I imagine Rotary, I think about the power of Rotarians all over the world in service, above self. I am honored to be your president during this year and imagine it will be a year of being the best club we can be. RI President Jennifer Jones "believes in something that is so necessary. This time calls for peace and unity, for embracing despite our differences." I look forward to a year of projects in service to our community, to meetings with informative speakers, a better-than-ever Pickleball Tournament, times of fellowship, and hopefully, some humor. All much needed during these times when at times, peace and unity can seem very far away.



I hope you all had a nice 4th of July holiday weekend. Sunday/Monday were my first two days off this summer. In fact, it was the first 4th of July I've had off since I was 15 years old (except for during the pandemic, but no one was celebrating). It is usually just another day at camp. I celebrated the holiday (after some much needed sleep), in a very "American" way...baseball game, hot dogs, cold beer and of course fireworks! It was wonderful to experience how the "real world" lives during the summer.

I do think writing this "Prez Says" weekly will be the hardest part of my presidency. It's the reason I don't tweet, I never thought I was that interesting, or had much to say...wish me luck! Here's to a great Rotary year!

Yours in Service,

Kelly

Scribbles...

Steve Alcorn - Heartland Greyhound Adoption



Heartland Greyhound Adoption was our speaker this week, represented by Steve Alcorn. The organization is a volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization from and operating in central Iowa to promote the adoption of retired racing greyhounds. Their mission is to educate the public about retired racing greyhounds, establish foster homes for greyhounds prior to adoption, and support the efforts of other greyhound friends/adoption groups and other local humane societies.

Greyhounds are the oldest purebred dog. They were found 8,000 years ago in ancient Egypt. The hounds of the pharaohs were designed to detect, chase, capture and dispatch the wildlife of the deserts. These hounds were an extension of their ruler's majesty and likenesses of them can be found in the early drawings.

Greyhounds are "loveable couch potatoes." They do love to run (41mph!!) but they also quickly adapt to retirement and are content to lie around the house. While running, they have a very high metabolism and can eat up to 10 lbs of food daily. An adult dog will typically weigh between 50-80 lbs. Females tend to be smaller than males. They are very healthy dogs

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July 8, 2022

This Week's Program:

Jerry Fleagle

Herbert Hoover
Foundation

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Jack Bell

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Eric Idehen

Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

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Bill D. Corwin, Past President

Future Programs

7/15: Bryanne Lang
Mosaic in Central Iowa

7/22: TBA

7/29: TBA

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (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, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (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, Drake University - Courtside Club (7:00 am)

Scribe Continued...

and can live 14 years. A greyhound needs about 15-20 minutes of exercise daily, but would love to be someone's running companion, too. They are calm, smart and loyal dogs who are good with people and families.

Animal activists have lobbied to get rid of dog racing throughout the US. It is unfortunate because this may lead to the demise of greyhound numbers in the US. Racing is actually great for the dogs. Like any athlete there can be bad trainers, but almost all dogs are treated wonderfully and actually enjoy the racing.

There is an extensive application for the adoption process including an interview by a board member. They strive to place the right dog with the right family. Before the dogs are adopted they will be up-to-date with their shots, be neutered, de-wormed, teeth cleaned, and potty trained. Check out their website at heartlandgreyhoundadoption.org

Scribe, Wendi Wilson

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
Thursday, July 21 - UGCC
11:45

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

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JULY

Birthdays

June 23

Brad Helgemo



Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

July 15:	Doyle Sanders	Beth Goedken	Ntwari Gakunzi	Jenifer M-K
July 22:	Julia Taylor	Bill Grask	Dan Boes	Jake Heston
July 29:	Tim Olejniczak	Shannon Heinen	Bill D. Corwin	Kyle Pieper

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Kelly Peterson by finding your substitute!



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Installation Dinner 2022

A great evening of fellowship as we came together to recognize our fellow Rotarians and their good work during the year. We also passed the gavel to our new President for the 2022-23 year, Kelly Peterson. Let's give a huge thanks to our outgoing President Bill D. Corwin who went above and beyond doing 2 consecutive years as president and getting us through the pandemic without losing out on all the good things Rotary does for our community!



Rotarian of the Year
Kelly Peterson



President's Award
Bill D. Corwin



Rookie Rotarian of the Year
Shannon Heinen