



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Jack Bell

What a great way to start the Rotary year...with a visit from District Governor Dennis and his wife Heidi, our assistant governor Chris (area 16) and the installation of new member Rotarian Wendy (more from her this week). Our Scribe will provide more insight on the program that Governor Dennis and Heidi conducted which, for me, was an outstanding mix of the Rotary Four Way test fundamentals combined with details on the District's specific areas of focus this year. And a special thanks to Dianne, for both the gifts and the "sticky" pun. I'll highlight a few points items below.

Governor Dennis mentioned Joppa and homelessness as one of the four areas of focus this year. I met Joppa during one of their "VolunTOURs" this past January. The volunTOUR is held monthly and is a 1.5 hour orientation that includes a video complete with moving testimonials from a few of their clients, a tour of their facilities (on Euclid) and then specific discussions that center on ways to assist. It was one of the more impressive events I've attended: very well-organized, informative and showcased a very focused organization. If you're interested in attending, go to the "events" section of joppa.org; sign up is easy. The next event is on Tuesday, August 8. I also try and go on one of their service routes each month...very well-organized trips to encampments where food, heating and other basic needs are provided. We go in groups of 4 and each Route Leader is quite knowledgeable of client needs and locations. "Persistent" is the one word I would use to describe them. Please let me know if you'd like to join me one month.

Another area of focus Dennis mentioned was a clothes donation to a local agency. This fits in nicely with our support of local organizations, including Saint Vincent de Paul. We'll start a drive on behalf of one or more of them, details to follow. Additionally, and with a view of highlighting our club in the area, I've talked to Lifetime Fitness and they have agreed to participate in our drive, once I get them a bit more info which I'll do this week. The goal is to have a month-long drive there with a big sign that has "Northwest Des Moines Rotary" in a prominent spot.

Finally, when I met with Joe Stevens, the Founder and ED of Joppa in the spring, he spoke about some of the additional services such as back-to-work and immersion training that he would like to provide to clients. I immediately thought of the great work that St Vincent's already does in those areas, suggested a meeting between Joe and Steve Havemann (met through Rotary) and we just finished it a few hours ago (on Tuesday). I'm happy to report that there are a number of referrals that Joppa can make to St Vincent's to assist those who are among the most vulnerable in our area. Lots more to do, but it was a very promising start. Let's see how we can find Rotary in that relationship.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Dennis Drager - District Governor



Welcome District Governor Dennis Drager! Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was pleased and honored to host District Governor Dennis Drager and DG spouse Heidi Drager and Assistant DG Chris Bertelson. Also, guest Cezi Glendenning, daughter-in-law of Leray

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July 14, 2023

This Week's Program:

Julie Fugenschuh
Project Iowa

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Marv Johnson

Sergeant:

Dianne Downing

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson



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Future Programs

7/21: Tom & Carol Narak
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7/28: Karen Ludwig
Middlebrook Farm

Scribe Continued...

attended. In addition, we were delighted to have DG Dennis welcome new Member Wendi Kreighauser to Northwest Rotary. Wendi will complete her induction and introduction at the July 14, 2023 meeting.

After having discussed his vision for the coming year with the Board, DG Dennis presented an historical and informative explanation of the Rotary 4 – Way Test as drafted by Rotarian Herbert Taylor in 1932. Each component of the Four-Way test can be used in our daily home, business, social and family interactions to justify or reinforce doing what is right. Using the principles of the Four-Way test, DG Dennis encouraged us to continue Service above Self in the many projects we perform.

DG Spouse Heidi, then encouraged us to “Transform Mental Illness. To aid in the Mental Health Initiative, a Rotary Action Group (RAG) has been established (www.ragonmentalhealth.org). She also encouraged working on homeless issues, particularly with “Joppa Houses. Other special areas of interest for this year include; Wheel chairs for Ukraine, through the District 6000 Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF). Send contributions to D6000 HEF, P.O. Box 5774, Coralville, IA 52241. Dennis and Heidi also encouraged individual and Club participation in Red Cross Blood Drives. They introduced the Zoo of Love for the Eradication of Polio, a fund raiser involving the sale of “teddy bears”. The Club committed to buying a case of bears to support this program. DG Dennis and spouse Heidi encouraged membership in the relatively new Polio Plus society at a cost of \$100 per year.

The District 6000 Conference will be held in the Pella Opera House on April 20, 2024 and will feature a speech contest by High School students on the topic of the Four-Way Test.

Ed Arnold, Scribe



Welcome

Everyone say hello to our newest member
Wendi Kreighauser.
She will be a great addition to our club!



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

Jack Bell
jackfbell@yahoo.com

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.

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

July 21

Kelly Peterson

Joe Kobes

Ntwari Gakunzi

Dan Boes

July 28

Doyle Sanders

Donna Larson

Leray Glendenning

Bill D. Corwin

Aug 4

Julia Taylor

Mark McAndrews

Bill Grask

Tim Olejniczak

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!



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Northwest Rotary Installation



The NW Rotary Installation Dinner was a great night of thanking our President Kelly Peterson for her service for the year and welcoming our new President for the 2023-24 year Jack Bell.

It's thanks to all our members that our club can be a great member of the community and share the ideas of Rotary.

Thanks to all of you!!

