



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Kelly Peterson

I got to thinking about the concept of "home." Eric has returned from Nigeria, but talked about feeling the call to serve, to help the people in Nigeria with food insecurity. "I need to go home to help the people." Then at the table I was talking to Mark about how his family was settling in, all being "home" not for just the summer, but going into the school year. Although they've always been a family through their time of separation, the dynamics, the rhythm has changed now that everyone is "home." Our speaker spoke of people with challenges and obstacles in life and that with the help of host families and staff, can find a safe place and a space to thrive and call "home."



I then reflect upon myself. I am often asked if Iowa feels like "home" yet. Minutes before the meeting last week I got a call from my landlord that he is selling my townhouse. Am I losing my home? No, a house. Home is connections, community, relationships and experiences, exactly what Rotary has provided for me for over 20 years. Becoming a part of a Rotary club that was hands-on, "fun" and relational was one of my highest priorities when I moved here from the west coast (yes even in the middle of the pandemic). I now refer to my trips back west as visiting my family and friends rather than "going home." Being a part of this Club and along with the people I've met and experiences I've had makes me sure that - I am "home."

Scribbles...

Bryanne Lang - MOSAIC in Central Iowa



Bryanne Lang and Katie Flippen spoke to us about MOSAIC in Central Iowa. A copy of the hand-out from their presentation at the meeting was attached to the weekly e-mail message. Both ladies have been associated with the organization for about 7 years, and became involved because they have family members who have benefited from the services MOSAIC provides. MOSAIC has its roots from back in 1913 with the Bethphage Mission in Axtell, NE. It was founded by Rev. K. G. William Dahl, using \$54 in accumulated \$1 contributions from his congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with which it is still associated, to serve people who were forced to live on the fringes of society, due to their disabilities. It is now the largest faith-based organization that serves people on the basis of their disabilities.

MOSAIC now operates in 13 states, and has four locations in Iowa. Its first local facility was a group home set up on the east side of Des Moines in 1983; it is still in operation. MOSAIC uses a combination of group homes, host families, and non-residential services for its clients. How a client is placed and service levels determined is based on a 3-hour assessment program. MOSAIC's clients are adults, aged 18 and older. It does coordinate with Child Serve and other similar organizations, however, in order to serve the population that ages out of those programs but still requires a support system. MOSAIC is primarily funded through Medicaid.

MOSAIC has also operated a program in Tanzania for 22 years, but it has a number of differences in how it is run, due to the culture there. For example, a family with a disabled child is considered to be cursed, and a spouse (i.e. husband) may leave the family, so there is a

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July 22, 2022

This Week's Program:

Becky Montgomery

Senior Home
Finders of Iowa

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Bill Grask

Sergeant:

Dan Boes

Scribe:

Jake Heston

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Future Programs

7/29: TBA

8/5: 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)

Upcoming Events

District Governor's Visit

Friday, August 19

Board Meeting @ 10:30 ahead of visit
at UGCC

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

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tendency to conceal the child, rather than finding needed services.

EXTRA-EXTRA!! ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our District Governor will be visiting us on August 19; please do your best to be there, we'd like to show a good turn-out!

We could use some speakers/programs! Please contact Ed with your suggestions.

Larry Sample is still looking for people to help at the Methodist Church food stand at the Iowa State Fair. Volunteers can work 4-hour or 8-hour shifts, for which their clubs/organizations will get a \$50 or \$100 donation, plus admission to the Fair will be free. You can sign up at WDMUMC.org, and we have it on good authority (Joe Kobes!) that it's easy to navigate the site and to sign up.

Club President-elect Jack Bell is looking into some volunteer project opportunities for us.

In polio news, we still have a 2022 count of one case in Afghanistan and 11 in Pakistan, with no new cases reported this week, but there is a new concern of a resurgence in Europe: environmental samples have been found in London.

Doyle presented a Rotary Minute. Rotary is encouraging committee membership. Screening for cancer (breast and prostate) is being done in St. Vincent and neighboring islands, funded by the local Rotary club.

Kelly quizzed the members on summer camp trivia.

We were pleased to have Eric Idehen back after four months in Nigeria. Eric told us about his experiences in the political system there and running for office, and how he learned more about how the "system" works, what its flaws are, and how he might be able to help improve the lives of his countrymen. He is now in something of a holding pattern, waiting for some sort of call or sign as to whether he should move back to Africa for good (not favored by his wife!) or if there are ways to work for his country from the US side.

Scribe, Jenifer M-K

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	<u><i>Greeter</i></u>	<u><i>Invocation</i></u>	<u><i>Sergeant</i></u>	<u><i>Scribe</i></u>
July 29:	Wendi Wilson	Shannon Heinen	Bill D. Corwin	Kyle Pieper
Aug 5:	Tim Olejniczak	Joe Kobes	Dianne Downing	Jack Bell
Aug 12:	Mark McAndrews	Donna Larson	Jake Heston	Shannon Heinen
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Kelly Peterson by finding your substitute!				