



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

I was flying down Grand Avenue at 26 mph, wondering what is Dan Patrick talking about, keeping a look-out for students crossing at 19th street, wondering what am I going to write about, certain that I just saw Joe Kobes on a walk... Turning right on SW 16th Street – I was brought back to reality with a start - I had committed a nearly unforgiveable sin. I had forgotten the creamer...

Back in June of last year I saw a Facebook post from C.I.S.S. that highlighted items they needed for their meal prep and kitchen. I went down to the shelter and, surprisingly, walked right into the kitchen and met Chef John – or, as I now refer to all chefs after having watched The Bear - simply “Chef”. I told him that if he would text me some of their needs, I’d periodically come down with a trunk full.

Now, after having done this for some time, nearly every time I go down there I’m greeted at that back door by Jerry, who struts around decked out in KC Chiefs red with a smile the size of March. Despite always being happy to see me and help unload my trunk and chat about whatever, on this creamer-less day I was a bit apprehensive. Creamer is one item they always run out of. And not just any creamer, we’re talking French vanilla or hazelnut. So, midway thru the unload I ginned up the courage and told him the dreadful news...no creamer today. Jerry looked at me, and, without missing a beat, said “black coffee, sugar and God bless!”. His delivery was so spot on that I thought I was going to injure myself laughing, and I still laugh out loud when I think of his quick and witty draw.

Still laughing as I pulled out – and wondering how he came up with the quip so quickly – it occurred to me that what he was really saying was “gimmie what ya got and we’ll make do”. Sort of like “Vinnie’s” being happy with 30-45 minutes of volunteer work during our Tuesday visits. A wonderful reminder it doesn’t take everything one can muster to Create Hope...oftentimes “all you currently have” is more than enough.

Thank you for Creating Hope in the World, Jack

Scribbles...

Officer Holly Pickett - Urbandale Police Dept.



Officer Pickett Beckett has been on the Urbandale police force for 13 years. She came to Urbandale from the Minona, IA police department, where she was an officer for 3 years. Officer Becket is currently the communication officer and teaches the Culture of Integrity Program at all the middle schools in Urbandale (including Urbandale Middle School, Saint Pias, and Des Moines Christian). This teaching takes up over 80 % of her time during the school year. She brought us some updates from the Urbandale Police department.

License plate reader cameras. New to our area, but the technology is not new. We use the Flock Camera system. License plate reader cameras are the least unintrusive option for public cameras. These cameras are looking at license plates and color of car only. There is not facial recognition as a part of this system. The cameras are tied into the NCIC (Nation Crime Information Center). This database ties into vehicle registration, missing person entries, stolen vehicles and people with warrants. The flock cameras system with the database can alert an

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August 11, 2023

This Week's Program:

TBA

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Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Wendi Wilson

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Tony Hunt

Scribe:

Dianne Downing



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Future Programs

8/18: TBA

8/25: Emily Easton
Four Oaks Family
Connection

This & That

Upcoming Events

Volunteer at the Iowa State Fair
August 10 thru 20

Trail Clean Up - DSM Christian School
Sunday, August 27

CFUM Supper Club ("to go" service)
Monday, August 28



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

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Urbandale officer that a vehicle passing through an intersection may need to be stopped due to the items listed above. Urbandale does not have as many cameras as some of our neighboring city currently.

There is a study underway for a new police department. The initial findings are that the current facility is at least 2/3 undersized for the geographic and population size it serves. More will be discussed on this going forward but Urbandale has outgrown its current facility as the city has grown.

A new program that has been added to Urbandale is CIT (crisis intervention team). Several agencies that touch Dallas County have added dual law enforcement and crisis intervention to the response. This program is a dual response team. It is a law enforcement officer in plain clothes and a mental health professional that respond as a team. This project is being funded completely by Heart of Iowa. The funding covers the cost of the officer, the vehicle, the uniforms and office furniture.

A question was asked about how difficult it is to recruit quality committed people to the police force in Urbandale. The question was responded to by Officer Prickett with some alarming statistics. The Urbandale police force is understaffed today by 3 officers vs what is budgeted for. In 2013 When Officer Holly applied to the force there were 200 applicants for 1 position. That was a fairly normal situation to have that number of applicants at that time. In the current recruitment climate, the department gets around 60 applicants and only 30 of them meet the very minimum qualifications. About 15 get to an interview. Those 15 who applied cannot pass the minimum physical agility and the post exam. Out of the 60 applicants only 2 applicants make it on to the civil service list and neither we hireable in the end. The positions remain open and the process is starting all over again. It does sound like times have changed for the hiring of police officers.

Officer Holly Pickett thanked us for having her as a speaker. Her talk was met with a round of applause and a Thank you from our President Jack Bell.

Bill D. Corwin, Scribe

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

Aug 18	Wendy Kriegshauser	Tim Olejniczak	Jake Heston	Leray Glendenning
Aug 25	Kelly Peterson	Doyle Sanders	Marv Johnson	Bill Grask
Sep 1	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor	Joe Kobes	Jake Heston

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