



# 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

Kelly Peterson

Hot enough for you? My air conditioner went out so it was completely miserable in my house for the weekend. And no, there is nothing "dry" about this heat! New unit installed on Monday.

In the current issue of the Rotary magazine, the article about the Japanese tea ceremony caught my eye. Years ago, through a Rotary global connection, I had a partnership with an English school in Tokyo. They would send a group of campers to my camp (with translators) to have a week of English immersion through the summer camp experience. About every other year I would travel to Japan on a goodwill trip to meet parents and have a reunion with some of our past campers. One year I took my daughter with me on this trip, she was about 15. Where we were dining at a famous noodle house, there were stunning paintings of Geisha Girls probably 7 feet in height. Come to find out the owner of the restaurant was the artist and had won many competitions for his work. As we were touring the restaurant to see additional paintings, a rice paper door quickly was pushed open. There, was a gathering of Japanese businessmen, and authentic Geisha Girls were there to play instruments, serve the meal and perform the tea ceremony. They were quite taken aback by both my daughter and I being so tall and so blonde and asked if we would join them. We accepted. Through the translator we found out that a few of the men in the room were Rotarians (I guess I could have used it for a make-up meeting...) and we talked (through the translator) about the global connection Rotary brings to many. The tea ceremony was a ritual like no other I have seen, splendid, methodical, and simplistic pageantry. And all this because of Rotary.



This is the third club I've belonged to. We have rituals and a "way" we do things and a commonality in what we participate in. The Four Way Test, the pledge, the bell, Foundation, Polio Plus, Paul Harris Society, fines, service projects, districts, leadership etc., etc. It is always nice to know, wherever I go, no matter the club, there are common rituals that make us Rotarians. I do have to admit I was a little disappointed when I first joined that there was no "secret handshake." However, it is also so amazing to me that 1.4 members worldwide are connected through Service Above Self and all that makes us Rotarians.

Yours in Service, Kelly

## Scribbles...

*Amy Doyle - Iowa Homeless Youth Shelter*



Our speaker was Amy Doyle, serving since 2021 as VP of Philanthropy and Community Engagement for YSS, formerly Youth Shelter & Services\*.

Founded in 1976, YSS operates out of Ames, and serves youth and young adults in six communities across the state. While it does provide some emergency shelter services (nine beds), its main focus is to provide services in education, counseling and civility to upper-age teen clients, and to young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and been left

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**August 12, 2022**

***This Week's Program:***

**Kimberly Hansen**

Rebuilding Together  
Greater Des Moines

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Tim Olejniczak

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Diane Downing

Scribe:

Jack Bell

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### ***Future Programs***

**8/19:** Steve Wieneke  
District Governor

**8/26:** Aline Costa  
Vote Smart

## 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)

## Save The Date!

### Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 16, 2022 @ UGCC

### Iowa Wolves Polio Plus Basektball Night

Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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

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## Scribe Continued...

without any resources. YSS operates the only gender-based addiction treatment center in the state. Its services are tailored to the needs of the population, serving more than 10,000 youth a year. Its current CEO is actually a graduate of its programs!

Currently, they have two capital campaigns. Roof-top gardens, which in addition to job training - raising herbs to sell to local grocery stores - teaches soft skills such as making eye contact, giving firm handshakes and engaging in small talk. Participants are paid wages to work in the program, which is currently operating at a location on East Euclid, near the Habitat Re-store. The second project is the Ember youth recovery campus, located at exit 102 from I-35, between Ankeny and Ames. YSS plans to serve up to 700 youth a year, ages 15-24, with emergency shelter and crisis intervention. In addition to its capital campaign, YSS receives funding from federal and state governments, and provides the largest post-foster care program in the state.

The top three things youth in the program need from the community are better family support, learning how to process and cope with conflict and trauma, and public support to cover funding gaps for services. Visit the website at <http://www.YSS.org>

\*Not to be confused with YESS, Youth Emergency Shelter Services, which in 2021 merged with Youth Homes of Mid-America and rebranded as Ellipsis Iowa. Whew!

Scribe, Jenifer M-K

## Upcoming Events

**Trail Cleanup - Saturday, August 13 @ 2:00**

Meet at DSM Christian School Followed by  
Club Social at Cool Basil starting at 3:45 pm

**District Governor's Visit - Friday, August 19**

Board Meeting @ 10:30 ahead of visit at UGCC

## Future Information



**Ed Arnold - Program Chair**

**Greeter**

**Invocation**

**Sergeant**

**Scribe**

<b>Aug 19:</b>	Mark McAndrews	Donna Larson	Jake Heston	Shannon Heinen
<b>Aug 26:</b>	Jenifer M-K	Larry Sample	Brad Helgemo	Eric Idehen
<b>Sep 2:</b>	Bob Moore	Doyle Sanders	Bill Grask	Ntwari Gakunzi

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