

Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Kelly Peterson

Well, it happened. It's one of those weeks that I feel I don't have a lot to write about. Maybe it's because I'm about to leave for some R & R for four days that I've successfully cleared my head... (HA!). I guess I can talk about the weather (I know, again). Everyone here is talking about how "dry" it's been lately. I have to tell you, this is the greenest I've ever seen it in a summer. It was one of the things "I wrote home about." Lawns that are not completely dry and brown, no mandatory "defensible space" against wild fires, streams and river that are still flowing in summer, and of course, the awesome thunder storms that often roll through. I am kind of proud to be from one of those places that the size of hail we get makes the national news (that and the fried food at the fair!) - unless of course it damages my car..



I will say that I found last week's speaker fascinating. Beyond the amazing connection that Rotary creates globally (her being a former Rotary Exchange student which led to her educational, professional and personal journey), the Vote Smart organization has an immense job of collecting and reporting true, non-partisan information. With our current political "climate" that is no easy task. It reminds me of a tornado watch or storm chasing on any given day. However, as I sat listening to the speaker I couldn't help but think how Rotary manages to put aside politics for service above self. I know we as Rotarians all are not from the same political points of views, within our clubs, nationally and globally, but see beyond those views and the "political storms" to do a whole lot of good in the world through our areas of focus:

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
Disease prevention and treatment
Water and Sanitation
Maternal and child health
Basic education and literacy.
Economic and community development

We as Rotarians live into every day the Four Way Test in all we think, do and say no matter what the forecast or weather might be .

Scribbles...

Aline Costa - Vote Smart



Speaker name: Aline Costa (Assistant National Director) Vote Smart President: Kyle Dell.

Vote Smart has been in existence for 30 years. The organization's 30th anniversary is November 2022.

Vote Smart is a nonpartisan organization. They do not support any candidate. The goal of Vote Smart is to fight against misinformation during elections and throughout the electoral process. They help to educate the public about candidates. The information they collect about candidates includes education background, where they stand on different political issues,

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September 2, 2022

This Week's Program:

Aaron DeJong

Urbandale Economic
Development

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Bob Moore

Invocation:

Doyle Sanders

Sergeant:

Bill Grask

Scribe:

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Future Programs

9/9: TBA

9/16: No Meeting
Golf Outing

This & That

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

Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 16, 2022

Urbandale Golf & Country Club

Iowa Wolves Polio Plus Basketball 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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voting records, campaign contributions, candidate's speeches, etc. using the political courage test. Each test is for specific States in the federation.

Vote Smart created/utilize a document called "Side by Side." m.plt is a document that allows you to compare and contrast candidates in the fields such as candidates' biographical data, voting records, special interest group ratings, and public statements.

The information is online and very easy to use. To view a particular candidate's information, go to www.sbs.votesmart.org; Enter the candidate's name in the search bar, and click on their name to add them below. Repeat this process for as many candidates as you want to add. According to Aline Costa, "Side by Side provides users the powers of our database and its millions of facts in one simple tool."

In 2022, Vote Smart created a document called the voter's self-defense manual. It is a simple book in the hands of the public that provides a powerful advantage over the liars, manipulations, and cheats that seek to disempower you.

Vote Smart is a membership organization that collects donations from the public to support its operations.

Vote Smart office: 1153 24th Street, Des Moines, IA 50311. Website: votesmart.org

Scribe, Eric Idehen

Birthdays

August 27

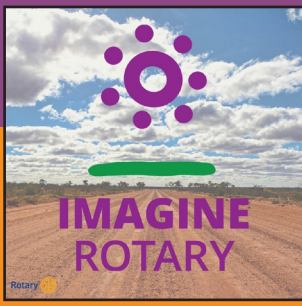
Bill Grask



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>
Sep 9: Bill D. Corwin	Julia Taylor	Tim Olejniczak	Marv Johnson
Sep 16: Leray Glendenning	Jack Bell	Joe Kobes	Dan Boes
Sep 23: Kyle Pieper	Wendi Wilson	Donna Larson	Derek Sparks
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Kelly Peterson by finding your substitute!			



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Rotary On Vacation!

While in Tucson visiting family,
David Piersel presented daughter-in-law Megan Piersel
with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

He has now given Fellowships to family as follows:
his late wife Myrna; children Jacqueline Tierney, Scott Piersel,
Brian Piersel; son-in-law Tom Tierney,
daughters-in-law Kimberly Piersel and Megan Piersel.



WELCOME TO NW ROTARY!

We want to welcome to our club the delegation from Kosovo.

One of the great things about Rotary International is
that members from around the world can visit other chapters
and learn more about the culture and the positive things Rotary
can do no matter where in the world we are.

We welcome you and hope you enjoy
yourself here in Iowa!

