



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

September 6, 2024

This Week's Program:

Mike Schoville
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Future Programs

9/13: TBA
9/20: TBA
9/27: TBA

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

I would like to start this week by saying thank you! Thank you to everyone who helped with the golf tournament last Thursday, Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored and volunteered! I don't want to speak too early until we have all the final expenses, but it is looking like we did pretty good especially for the number of teams we had this year. Was an experiment since we had moved on from Urbandale golf and country and try out a new course. Beaver creek was very accommodating to us, I maybe speaking a little early, but I do believe we will be looking to get it moved back to a Friday next year. I am hoping that Beaver Creek will allow us to go out there again next year, as there staff was very accommodating, as always though please send me any feedback that we can use for next years tournament.



Change of subject now, I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend! As I am sure many of you already know now I am a huge college football fan, especially of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, and I am so happy to have football back. If anyone besides Jack and myself we also get the joy of fantasy football starting back up this week as the NFL officially kicks off their season this Thursday night. It is also rivalry week for both fans of teams in the state of Iowa and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. My Huskers take on the Colorado Buffalos this weekend and I will actually be gone this Friday because I have 4 friends from Texas flying up to go spend the weekend in Omaha and then go over to the game, I do feel good about the Husker's chances and going to predict a 10 point victory. Now onto Iowa vs Iowa state. If you watched the Iowa game you probably took a nap in the first half and wondered if Brian was still calling the plays, but they did come to life and their defense dominated per usually. For Iowa State after the first 30 seconds of the game would've thought their offense was going to be extremely explosive this year but that quickly fizzled out, and a bit worry some to see North Dakota have a very long sustaining drive against them. I am sorry Cyclone fans but I am going to go Iowa and actually going to go by 13.

Ok, I got that out of my system now, I am sure everyone loves reading about my football takes, and I could honestly talk about football for hours and type about it for a long time too, but one reason I love football so much and sports in general is so many aspects of what makes a sports team great makes a group like Rotary great, and so many things that make an athlete great you can translate over into an individual's life as well. So, here's my take on it. Lets start with a great football play, a beautiful thing about it is all 11 guys have to be on the same page. Line has to do the correct blocking assignments, Receivers have to run the right routes, running back may have to pick up a blitz or sneak out to the flat and the Quarterback has to make the right read, all of that goes on in one successful play. Coaching staffs same thing, what makes a great staff it's communication and being on the same page, if an offensive coordinator wants to run a fast pace offense the offensive staff can't go recruit large body players who can't move, instead they need quick and twitchy players. Now lets go into recruiting, why does a player recruit to a university, sometimes it may strictly be because it's close to home or he really likes one of the coaches. But, majority of the time it is because that team has a vision for how they are going to use that player, and a vision for the team and how both the team and individual are going to be successful if that recruit commits to them.

Ok, where am I going with all this? After a few questions got asked to me this weekend I took some time to reflect a little bit, and this Friday we are also having a speaker come talk to us about Rotary membership, and as I was thinking why are we struggling getting members or keeping members while watching football it just kind of hit me. And I could be wrong about this but maybe like a recruit in football who doesn't commit or enters the

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Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Food Depot, 3000 SE Grimes Blvd, Suite 200 in Grimes (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
 Ankeny, Magee's Irish Pub, (6:00 pm)
 Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
 Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
 Norwalk, Community State Bank, (Noon)
 West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

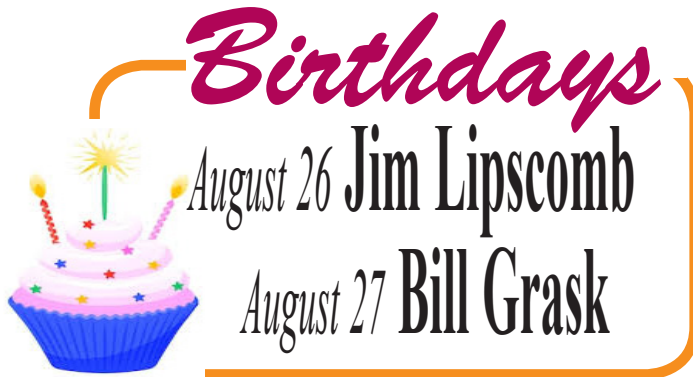
East Polk County, Lutheran Church of the Cross (7:00 am)
 Adel, Adel Public Library, 303 S. 10th St. (Noon)
 The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

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, Downtown Holiday Inn – Mercy, (7:00 am)



Birthdays
 August 26 Jim Lipscomb
 August 27 Bill Grask

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transfer portal maybe we aren't giving a clear enough picture of what our vision is for our club and what we do, or maybe we tried putting in that freshman who wasn't quite ready to play and we scare them away by asking them to do too much before they are ready. Could it be that we as a club are like a coaching staff and struggling a little bit to all get on the same page or have the same message? One thing I know is all of our members love Rotary and are passionate about it but we need to find a way to attract others with that same passion to keep the good that Rotary does going. So, my task after this week once I am back from the Nebraska vs Colorado game I am going to be scheduling a time to sit down with each member to ask, what they feel like is going well, what can be improved, and why they think we maybe struggling to get new members. And as always if anyone ever has any questions, comments or concerns please reach out.

Thanks! Tim



Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



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