



Nor'Wester

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

September 20, 2024

This Week's Program:

Dave Cook
District Governor

Arranged By:

Tim Olejniczak

Greeter:

Dianne Downing

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Bill Grask

Scribe:

Jack Bell

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Future Programs

9/27: TBA

10/4: TBA

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak



Hope everyone had a good weekend and having a good week so far! I have to take advantage of it as long as possible, so just for those who don't know the Nebraska cornhuskers are 3-0! I got to have a good weekend with my dad as we headed over to Lincoln on Saturday to watch them play UNI (where my dad is an alum.) I think another reason I like football season so much is it's something my dad and I both love so we spend a lot of time together in the fall and we are heading back to Lincoln this Friday right after our meeting which I am looking forward to it. We as a club though have a big week this week as our District Governor will be visiting us this Friday, so please try your best to make it this Friday so we can give him a warm welcome.

I think my topic this week though is going to be on "Time", just because as I mentioned earlier I really enjoy fall because I spend a lot of my weekends going to football games with my dad. In my job I work with a lot of people that are retired, and want me to help plan their estate, make sure all our their assets and investments are organized and have correct beneficiaries on them, just so we can make life as easy as possible for their kids or spouse someday. One, thing that tends to come up more and more with my clients is them saying "I wish I would've done this while I could" they didn't travel enough when they first retired, or they didn't go see enough of their grandkids sporting games, and the list goes on and on. So, to me that is why I enjoy the time I get to spend with my dad in the fall going to games, because no one knows how long we can do that for, when maybe he won't be able to drive the three hours each way, or go up the stairs at the stadium, so I truly just enjoy getting to spend that time with him. It is also why I do a lot of traveling now, because no one can predict the future and I do know someday, when I start having kids I will have to put some of my travels on hold as well. So my challenge to everyone here is if there is a phone call, trip, book, challenge, whatever it maybe that you have been thinking of doing go do it so you don't regret it.

Why do I bring that up? Is I think even with Rotary at times it's easy to say oh we can look at making this change or that change later. Where instead we need to be looking at making those changes now, because waiting to long can have it's affects too. Don't get me wrong I am not saying I have the answers or anything like that, but when we look at the numbers when it comes to membership, and new members leaving within the first couple of years there is something we have to be missing. That is why this week I will have a sheet to sign up sheet to meet with members for just around 10 minutes because I truly do want your honest feedback. It's not mandatory and you don't have to sign up, but if you do feel like we are missing something, can improve somewhere, or have some ideas on why it's hard to get new members and maintain them I would love to hear your input. The time is now for us to be looking into this, and I am excited to hear your feedback. So, let's not wait any longer lets look to tackle this issue now, and see how we can continue to grow our club, and keep members so we can continue to have an impact in both our community and globally.

Tim

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)

Upcoming Events

CFUM - October 28

Urbandale Uplift Project - October 24th

Magic of Giving Gala - November 15th

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

Tim Olejniczak

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Scribbles

Amy Ratekin - 320 Miles to SAVE Kids

Amy is the Founder and CEO of Spread Your Wings, Inc. She's been teaching self-defence skills since 1983 and martial arts since 2006.



Her organization offers three programs:

1. COBRA Self-Defense Iowa where students ages 5-adult learn how to defend against violence, prevent abduction and avoid human trafficking and sexual exploitation.
2. Spirit TKD empowers students 5-adult to participate in martial arts and soar like eagles.
3. S.A.V.E. Kids Project empowers students ages 9-14 to use Self-defence to save themselves against abduction, exploitation and human trafficking.

Amy also shared stories about her long-distance walking experiences in support of Spread Your Wings.

Scribe, Bob Moore



Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Sep 27	Leray Glendenning	Bob Moore	Mark McAndrews	Doyle Sanders
Oct 4	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Wendi Wilson	Julia Taylor
Oct 11	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes	Bill D. Corwin	Kelly Peterson
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

