



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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Prez Sez

Jack Bell

This past week I made the annual pilgrimage to Munich for hiking, a historic site or two, meeting friends from the early years of expatriate Budapest and, yes, Oktoberfest. What all started as a "lets-do-it-why-not?" few days in 1992 is now a start-planning-at-Thanksgiving event I start looking forward to by the time March Madness comes around. I'm writing this in the airport in Munich on what I generally term the "wurst day of the year"- the day we say auf weidersehen.

This year I came across the Rotary Club of Munich International, saw they met on Monday evenings (and spoke English) and inquired. I received a response from Hans Geesman, who has a friend who is a physics professor at Drake, who extended an invitation to their meeting, which, somewhat unfortunately, was sandwiched between a joint outing at the Hirschgarten and a visit to the "Wiesn" next week. Just missed 'em both!

On Monday night I was greeted by the Club Marshall, the individual who organizes the weekly program (I guess Ed is ours). The club has 85 members with a typical meeting attended by 35. I was struck by the number of guests...I counted 11 - from Cyprus, Bulgaria, China (who first heard about Rotary at Oktoberfest the day before), Germany and the USA. I also noted that no sign-in sheet was visible anywhere (Dianne please take note).

The bell rang at 8:11, guests were briefly introduced and there were rotations. The president covered a recent fundraiser for their Interact Club: a bike ride with another club around Lake Starnberg. The DG will visit on October 23 and a plea for attendance was made. The club's exchange student, Paolo from Argentina, briefly spoke and an art auction was discussed. The cost and nature of dinner was debated (apparently yet again).

So many similarities to our and many other clubs - although their outing in February, a trip to the Palazzo de Grazia in Venice for a Carnival Ball might not be something we get booked this year - once again conveyed the international reach combined with local flavor that is Rotary. I did not bring our club banner, which means I'll be forced to attend again next year for the exchange. And I'm already counting the days!

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Leo Landis - Iowa's Emancipation Events

Leo Landis State Curator for The State Historical Society of Iowa presented a fascinating overview of the history of emancipation celebrations in Iowa.

Early celebrations were held prior to the Civil War recognizing the end of slavery in the British West Indies. August 1, 1833 marked the day when slaves were freed in those islands, thus August 1st was often celebrated. Earliest reports of celebrations in Iowa were from 1856.

More often the celebrations were held commemorating the signing of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation (September 22, 1862) or the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation (January 1, 1863).

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September 22, 2023

This Week's Program:

Brent Blum

We Will Collective at ISU

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Joe Kobes



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Future Programs

9/29: No Meeting
Golf Outing

10/6: Amber Lewis
DM Homeless Policy Admin

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)
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, 1016 Main St. Raccoon Valley Comm. House (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)



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

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Celebrations occurred in at least 30 communities around Iowa. The African Methodist Episcopal and Baptist Churches usually organized the day's events. Features of the commemoration often included a parade, concert, reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, religious service, feasting, speeches, and educational programs. Events were hosted by the African American citizens, however, attendees came from all races

These celebrations continued into the 1920's, then began to taper off as freed former slave numbers were dwindling in the population. A few of the celebrations persisted into the 1940's and 1950's.

Mr. Landis also noted that Iowa recognized universal male suffrage with a constitutional amendment in 1868 and an Iowa Supreme Court decision desegregated Iowa schools that same year. Iowa has a long, rich history on our continuing journey towards equality among all citizens.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

Upcoming Events

AM Exchange / Urbandale Chamber
Tuesday, September 26

Annual Rotary Golf Outing
(no formal club meeting)
Friday, September 29

Urbandale Uplift Project
Thursday, October 12

R.L.I. - Mt. Pleasant
Saturday, October 14

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

Greeter

Invocation

Sergeant

Scribe

Sep 29

No Meeting

No Meeting

No Meeting

No Meeting

Oct 6

Bill Grask

Dan Boes

Bob Moore

Bob Moore

Oct 13

Jake Heston

Bill D. Corwin

Tim Olejniczak

Doyle Sanders

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NW Rotary Trail Clean-up Day!



This group of Rotarians out did our commitment by cleaning, both sides of the street and the median. We started at 1:00 and we finished and cleaned up by 2:30. We had many Rotarians, as well as Rotarians families helping with ages ranging from 4 to 74+. Our trail is once again beautiful. Thanks to everyone who helped!