



Nor'Wester

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

September 27, 2024

This Week's Program:

Matt Hill
Boy Scouts

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders

2024-25 Officers & Directors

Tim Olejniczak, President

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Bill D. Corwin, Board Member

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Future Programs

10/4: TBA

10/11: Emily Roeder
Hoyt Sherman Place

10/18: Tour Waterworks
Park

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

Well... Lets just get the elephant out of the room, my Huskers let me down this weekend. I think the club outside of Joe will be happy to hear now that the undefeated dream season has come to an end, it's time to tone down my Nebraska Cornhusker talk. But, I did have a really good time with my dad Friday night, and I hope that everyone had a great week. Was a great weekend for both the Cyclones and Hawks.



With that being said, I wanted to say thank you to everyone in our club. The board got together with District Governor Dave Cook and his wife before our meeting, and he informed us how we are the top club now when it comes to foundation giving per member. So, thank you to everyone for your generous donations to Rotary and making our club number one in that category. Also, thank you for the attendance on Friday as well, I was happy with the turnout of members we got for our District Governors meeting. I truly am appreciative to each and every member of our club, and once again thank you for all you do and all your generous donations.

With that being said obviously there's areas to improve on, and our biggest one is membership. I am not going to go into extensive detail again on membership as I know that is a topic I talk about a lot, but please be thinking of who you think maybe a good member. District Governor Dave and his wife had a lot of good ideas when it comes to membership that we will be looking into. My plan is to get it approved in our October board meeting to have a few guest options and then have the club vote on the option that they think would be the most impactful and get our best participation.

I also wanted to point out that at the sign in table with the greeter this week there will also be sheet where I have some times that any member can sign up for to sit down and meet with me. I truly just want honest feedback on the good, bad, and areas to improve for our club. I believe strongly it is very hard to improve or be an efficient club without honesty and open dialect. I promise my feeling won't be hurt by anything that is said!

Quick club update though, Dianne Downing has stepped up to be our president elect for next year! I am extremely thankful for her being willing to step up and take my place next year. Any feedback that I get, I will be working closely with Dianne on as well to make sure we are able to carry on any suggestions that are given to me both this year and next year.

I know this is more of a relaxed Prez Sez then normal, but I am still hurting from that over-time loss and getting home at 2:30am after the game is a little more difficult to recover from after a loss! I am excited to see everyone on Friday, and hope you have a great rest of your week!

Scribbles...

Dave Cook - District Governor

Today our speakers were the current District Governor Dave Cook and his wife Lisa.



Dave and Lisa are both Rotarians from the Rotary club of Boone. The Boone club has both a Noon Club and an evening satellite meeting option. Along with being our District Governor and Spouse of DG, they are celebrating their 41st year of marriage and are expecting their

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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)

Upcoming Events

Tour of Waterworks Park - October 18th

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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first grandchild. Our Club was the 41st club visited in their quest to visit all 70+ clubs in the district. Dave had some great stories he shared to define Magic or Rotary that were incredible. Quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson, "an oak tree contains thousands of forests in each acorn". He made the comparison that from the first Rotary club we have grown to 36,000 clubs with over 1.2 million members in over 20 countries. Dave brought the Magic of Rotary home to each member by reminding us the Roary's magic is each member and what we do to practice Service above Self in our own lives and our clubs activities.

Here are those goals for this year. District Goal is to achieve the first net increase in membership in over a decade. Our goal is to increase our membership by 3 members to reach 24 members. The district would like to add 4 extension clubs this year in the district. District 6000 has more extension clubs than any district in the world and they have been a boost to club membership everywhere they have been added. A third district goal is to reduce the loss of newer members. District wide a 15% reduction in loss of new members would increase membership this year by 130 members this year alone. Lots of ideas on how to engage new members were discussed. Involvement in the club's ongoing activities and asking new members where there passions are and building project around them are some of the ideas.

There is a dinner on Nov 15th at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines. National speakers from Rotary will be speaking at the dinner. Dave and Lisa left us a challenge to try something new this year to make your club better and a big thank you for our spirit of giving and 55+ legacy of service above self.

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin

Birthdays

September 27 Tim Olejniczak



Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 4	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Wendi Wilson	Julia Taylor
Oct 11	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes	Bill D. Corwin	Kelly Peterson
Oct 18	Joe Kobes	Dianne Downing	Leray Glendenning	Doyle Sanders
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				