



Nor'Wester

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

October 18, 2024

This Week's Program:

Waterworks Park Tour

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Joe Kobes

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

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10/25: David Kilpatrick
Des Moines Playhouse

11/1: Patty Sneddon-Kisting
Urbandale Food Pantry

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

I hope that everyone had a great weekend, we are finally starting to get Iowa fall weather it feels like. Just a heads up today's Prez Sez is going to be a little different just because there is a lot of things I want to make sure I cover. I honestly didn't know what to fully expect for our tour this Friday and finally got some information in regards to Friday.

First, hopefully the map is attached but we will need to meet at the guard station (blue and white star on the map) this is where our tour will start. Also on the map is where we are allowed to park (the black and white P's) right by the Denman Memorial Fountain. Last thing on the map is where you will enter the park at (Blue and White Car). Also, a heads up you **MUST HAVE** your ID to enter so please remember to bring some form of ID because you will need it for the tour.

Second, unfortunately due to the length of the tour there will be **NO** food so please be sure to eat beforehand. I will take the blame on this, because I had no idea how long the tour was going to be or the details. I had originally thought we would be able to have a meal, but I was wrong. So, once again please make sure you eat before the tour!

Third, the tour is going to last right around 90 minutes. They want us to be there about 10 minutes before noon so we can all get checked in. There will be parts of the tour that are both inside and outside, so please make sure you have comfy shoes and also depending on the weather clothes that will be good for both indoors and outdoors. During the 90 minute tour there is no photography indoors. During the tour some of the highlights will be hearing about the state of the ark chemistry and microbiology labs, visit the filter building that has dozens of bubbling filter pools and mid 20th century architecture, the nitrate removal facility and the pump station with its spiral staircase and designations on the interior walls where the floods of 1993 climbed about the pumps and motors.

Fourth, we will not have a Sargent, greeter or invocation, but if we could please have this weeks scribes take some notes of the tour for a scribe report next week that would be appreciated!

Lastly, I have to give them a head count on how many people we are expecting by Thursday afternoon so please RSVP to me. You can text or call me on my cell 515-313-3811 or send me an email on my work email timothy.olejniczak@edwardjones.com so I can mark you down. Since there is no meal and we wont have any food cost, I am making an executive decision that we will not charge for any guest this week either. So if you know someone who you think would be interested in the tour please bring them along, but also RSVP me their names (I have to give them a list of names for the tour). But, this is a great chance for soft introductions to our Rotary club. Spouses and significate others are also welcome to join us this Friday, just once again would need their name so I can add them to the list.

I know that was a lot of information and hopefully you read through it, but if you are having issues finding us or the location call me on my cell Friday 515-313-3811, I will try to get out there around 11:30.

To recap: **NO FOOD THIS WEEK, EAT BEFORE HAND, Please RSVP to me no later than Thursday afternoon, and if you are bringing a guest please send me their name.** Tour will be 90 minutes long. **BRING YOUR ID!!** Call, Email, or text me with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this Friday!

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

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:

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Scribbles

Emily Roeder
Hoyt Sherman Place



Today's speaker was Emily Roeder the Education Program Coordinator with Hoyt Sherman Place.

Emily came to Hoyt Sherman Place recently from the DM Public schools. Emily walked us through the history of the facility. It started out as the Family home of Hoyt Sherman. The home construction was completed in 1877. It was noted to be a "Society showplace of the grandest scale". The Sherman's (Hoyt and his wife Sara) raised 5 children in the home. When Major Hoyt Sherman passed away in 1907 the home was transferred to his heirs. They later transferred the home to the city of Des Moines with the caveat it always be called Hoyt Sherman Place.

In 1893 the home was the first Mercy hospital. The sisters of Mercy for Davenport created a 52-room hospital facility with all the surgeries being done in the basement. In 1907 the Des Moines Women's club leased the one for \$1.00 a year and began meeting at the home. The Des Moines Women's club still meets there every Wednesday October through May. The Des Moines Women's club built a gallery adjacent to the mansion in 1885.

In 1977 it was listed on the National register of historic places. Over the years there have been additions and remodels, and an association was formed to oversee the facilities is maintenance and mission. After over 100 years and several additions and remodels, Hoyt Sherman place host over 100 shows a year in the theatre, Art classes year round for adults and children, the art gallery, the restored mansion and Des Moines History displays is open 8-5 M-F for visits and tours it is also available for weddings and events.

Emily's parting message was come see what they are doing.

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 25	Mark McAndrews	Bill Grask	Tony Hunt	Doyle Sanders
Nov 1	Bob Moore	Tony Hunt	Joe Kobes	Wendi Wilson
Nov 8	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews	Bob Moore	Dan Boes
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				