



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

This past Saturday I attended the Rotary Leadership Institute (also known as “RLI”) training in Mount Pleasant. As most of you know, this initiative is led by our Immediate Past District Governor, Steve Wienke. RLI is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. It’s currently a 3-level course, and I “graduated”, along with 2 other Rotarians, on Saturday.

When I signed up for Level 1 I thought it might be a good primer (it was), and possibly a requisite (it was not) for a year of presidential – or any club-level leadership - responsibilities. Level 1 was an excellent survey of topics such as a general overview of Rotary (still useful even after 8 years as a member in two clubs), the Foundation, engaging members (unfortunately an ever-green topic), service projects and the important topic of grants – of both the community service and international variety. Level 2 builds on these topics with a bit more emphasis on strategic planning for clubs and Level 3 wraps things up by delving deeper into topics such as PR and international service, with a return visit to the Foundation.

I recall time with strategic planning and leadership sessions in my previous life at Andersen and then at Deloitte. While the content was always useful (at least in theory) and the time it took to prepare as a facilitator demanded respectful attention, it was the relationship-building, and getting to know colleagues outside of the formal work environment that is the memory that remains the most vivid to this day.

I feel the same with RLI...by the end of Level 3 I’ve come to know my course-mates and fellow Rotarians to such an extent that I was a bit sad as we said goodbye. I would recommend all three levels to anyone wanting to learn more about Rotary and leadership in general.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack



Scribbles...

Amber Lewis - DM Homeless Policy Administration

Our October 6 Rotary meeting speaker was Amber Lewis who was recently hired by the City of Des Moines as its first Homeless Policy Administrator. She previously served as the homeless programs manager for the State of Iowa.

In her new role with the city, she develops recommendations for Homeward which is the homelessness planning organization for Polk County.

Amber said the greatest need in Polk County is housing support. About 700 are on the list, of which there are about 90 with children. She cited several organizations that provide some form of housing support. She also indicated that a Homeless Coordinating Council meets periodically during the year.

A Club member asked if there is a “Guide” for available programs and services that a Church could use. Amber said the County doesn’t have such a document, but United Way might be able to provide such information.

Scribe, Bob Moore

October 20, 2023

This Week's Program:

Club Assembly

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Jake Heston

Invocation:

Bill D. Corwin

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders



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Future Programs

10/27: Mark Kriegshauser
Soybean & Carbon Capture

11/3: Maddie Vrieze
Rotary Interact

11/10: Andrew Bartek
Physical Therapy

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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Upcoming Events

CFUM Supper Club "Grab & Go"
 Monday, October 30

Grant Management Seminar
 March 2, 2024

Next Year! **District Foundation Dinner**
 April 19, 2024

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 27	Tony Hunt	Dianne Downing	Wendy Kriegshauser	Julia Taylor
Nov 3	Joe Kobes	Ntwari Gakunzi	Julia Taylor	Kelly Peterson
Nov 10	Donna Larson	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson	Dan Boes
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				