



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

Prez Sez

Jack Bell

What do Ferris Bueller, Del Griffith, Vlade Divac and the Invalid Fair Catch Rule have in common? If you're getting a 16-year-old Spaniard Rotary Youth Exchange student Americanized, a lot!

Juan has been in Des Moines for 2 months and initially he was busy with the normal activities of school and everything that comes with getting assimilated – Friday Night Football games, Homecoming, and homework. Once that settled, we started to find a rhythm and I figured it was time for a bit of Americana outside of school. The first two items on my list were compulsory movie viewings (Ferris has aged well and Trains/Planes is the ultimate Thanksgiving movie). Juan loves basketball and in "Once Brothers" Vlade tells the story of the Yugoslav national basketball team in the 90's as the players struggled with friendship amidst war. We both agreed that the USA Dream Team might not have taken the gold in 1992 had they faced the full Yugoslav club.

That brings us to this past weekend. What better way to introduce a European to a slice of Saturday in our country than a college football game in a college town? We hit the road early - we were not in a '61 Ferrari - and were escorted east on I-80 by Hawkeye fans driving RVs and automobiles festooned with Iowa flags. We walked down Melrose (game day on Melrose Ave is always a lively walk) to our tailgate a few minutes from Kinnick. Everyone was interested in meeting Juan and speaking a few words of Spanish, which he always enjoys (he now knows to only answer questions and not ask any...makes the conversation easier for the American...).

Juan has attended a few Roosevelt matches and watched a few NFL games with me; he's getting familiar with our version of football and the many team meetings/conferences and discussions that take place after each play. I briefed him on some aspects he could witness on the Kinnick pitch: Iowa's offense, punting, the hospital wave and how good #3 is. The one thing I have not been able to explain was the ending. Those of you who've seen or heard about it (everyone?) will understand why he doesn't understand!

In think he's finding himself at home and while at the same time giving his schoolmates a chance to get to know someone from Europe. All because of Rotary.

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

Scribbles...

Club Assembly

Our meeting was the first club assembly that we have had in several years. We started with President Jack presenting on DG Dennis Drager's 4 areas of focus for the Rotary year.

The first area of focus is Wheelchairs to Ukraine. The goal is \$28,000 for 140 wheelchairs. We have pledged \$2,000. The second area of focus is a clothing drive. We have donated 610 lbs toward our goal of 1,000 pounds. Report the weight of any clothing donations. The third area of focus is to support the homeless. We have donated the clothing from our drive to JOPA which in turn donates to the homeless. The fourth area of focus is blood donation. Let Tony know when you have donated so that we can keep track of our club's response. If you have questions about the process, feel free to contact Bill W or Doyle to hear about their experiences.



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October 27, 2023

This Week's Program:

Mark Kriegshauser
Soybean & Carbon Capture

Arranged By:

Wendy Kriegshauser

Greeter:

Tony Hunt

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Wendy Kriegshauser

Scribe:

Julia Taylor



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Future Programs

11/3: Maddie Vrieze
Rotary Interact

11/10: Andrew Bartek
Physical Therapy

Birthdays

Oct 10 Dianne Downing

Oct 24 Leray Glendenning



Bill W reported on the club's financial status. To stop our 4-year long deficit, we have raised dues and made the Christmas party a pay-as-you-go event. [Diane reports that it will be a Christopher's on a date yet to be decided but probably during the week of December 12 or 20.] We will not have an installation dinner. Bill gave us 2 years of income & expense statements and our current statement of financial position which shows that we are in a fairly solid position. The Service above Self Foundation donated \$39,000 in 2023 and \$29,000 in 2022. Raffles are run by the club which donates the proceeds to SAS.

Doyle reported on our giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and Endowment Fund. The Annual Fund and PolioPlus Fund are funded by our regular giving. The money goes to the 7 Rotary causes and PolioPlus. Money designated for the Share fund results in return of 50% of the donations coming back for District Designated projects. We have 6 Sustaining Members giving \$25 per quarter, 7 Super Sustaining members at \$50 per quarter, 1 triple Sustaining Member at \$75 per quarter, 1 quadruple Sustaining Member at \$100 per quarter and 3 Paul Harris Society Members at \$250 per quarter. Everyone is encouraged to give at the level at which they are comfortable but hopefully at least at the Sustaining Member level. The Endowment Fund is funded by cash donations and planned gifts from wills and life insurance and IRA death benefits.

Tim reported on our membership efforts. Ideas posed for increasing membership included inviting Mike Schoville from Johnston speak to the club about how they increased membership, having a guest social, participating in the Chamber's AM Exchange breakfast, giving a \$25 gift certificate to members who propose people who become new members, and generally getting involved in the community with more volunteer time. A suggestion was made to invite Chamber members to attend a club meeting as our guest and to talk to us about their businesses.

Scribe, Doyle Sanders



Upcoming Events

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

Coats for Kids
TBD

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Saturday, December 2

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

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Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 3	Joe Kobes	Leray Glendenning	Julia Taylor	Kelly Peterson
Nov 10	Mark McAndrews	Bill Grask	Wendi Wilson	Dan Boes
Nov 17	Bob Moore	Jake Heston	Bill D. Corwin	Tim Olejniczak
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Jack Bell by finding your substitute!				



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