



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

November 1, 2024

This Week's Program:

Patty Sneddon-Kisting
Urbandale Food Pantry

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Bob Moore

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Joe Kobes

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

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11/8: Officer Eric Wilcutt
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11/15: TBA

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a great weekend. I spent my weekend down in Texas, two nights in Victoria, Texas and two nights in College Station, Texas. I met up with the same work buddies that came up for the Nebraska vs Colorado game, and we went to the Texas A&M vs LSU football game Saturday night. Was a great game, great environment as was the largest crowd I have ever been a part of as 109,000 were inside the stadium for that game. If you haven't figured out yet, I am a huge college football fan, and also love fantasy football for the NFL, Billie will be glad when football season is over and the weekends aren't spent just watching football!



On a different note I wanted to clarify a few things. First off we WILL BE meeting at the RAMADA on November 1st, there has been confusion on this because, originally the hotel was not going to be available for us to use, but now we are able to use our meeting room there. Second off, on November 22nd we will be meeting at the COZY Café. Lastly, I am going to just go ahead and get these dates out there but the days we are not going to meet for the holidays are going to be: November 29th (Black Friday), December 27th (week of Christmas), and finally January 3rd (Week of New Years). If you have any questions regarding this please let me know.

I wanted to also quick say thank you to everyone who has done clothes pick up at lifetime fitness, every time I am in there I continue to see clothes that I being donated, I am not sure an exact amount that has been donated but I know that it is a lot! If you are ever in lifetime please be sure to thank them for allowing us to set up a place for donations, I know between the last two years lifetime has helped us donate right around or now it could even be more than 2,000lbs worth of clothing.

My little nugget I will leave everyone today or as I would say my challenge is "be intentional". What do I mean by that? As I am sure I mentioned back in September, but I always get asked how do I maintain friendships with people that I only spent 6 months with and have lived in different states for over 9 years, and the honest answer is everyone is intentional to make it work. Whether it is visiting each other, zoom meetings from time to time or group chats everyone makes an effort to make the friendships work. So, be intentional with your relationships, if you haven't talked to someone in a while pick up the phone and give them ring. But, lets also be intentional when it comes to Rotary, when we are volunteering making sure people know who we represent, when we talk to our friends be intentional to discuss Rotary, and never shy away from talking about all the good that we do.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Friday!

Scribbles...

David Kilpatrick - Des Moines Playhouse

David Kilpatrick has been executive director of the Des Moines Playhouse since May 2017. The Playhouse Mission is to create extraordinary shared experiences through live theater. The playhouse values are to promote safe cultural and artistic integrity, to be accessible, to bring people together and to honor each person's unique contributions.

The Playhouse has operated continuously since 1919. The Kendall years were 1927 when they bought a building on 35 th street with gift from the governor of the state of Iowa. That

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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

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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building was antiquated as a theater from the beginning. In 1953, the Playhouse moved to the Roosevelt Movie House. They have added space about every 10 years since then including the Children's Theater in 1995. In 2018 they started major renovation when the space was literally falling down. In 2021, the Children's Theater was renovated. That project grew into a multimillion dollar project including an administration section on the new 2d floor level. They will be opening the new Children's Theater in November as the Studio Theater.

During the Pandemic, they did not want to do nothing. So they had 3 plays and a children's theater in drive-in setting. In the winter they moved back into the theater maintaining safe social distances. In 2021, they did "tent theater."

2024 is the 106 th season. They are currently presenting Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors. The Christmas presentation will be Beauty & the Beast which is already selling out. Shows in 2025 will be Diary of A Wimpy Kid, Men on Boats (a story of exploration of the men on the Colorado River Trail with all parts played by women), Jesus Christ Superstar, Waitress, and Four Children's Theater plays.

When you attend the Playhouse, you are buying local as opposed to attending the Civic Center. They have 700 volunteers. Participation by anyone is encouraged. Supporters include the City of Des Moines and private support primarily from individuals. Their Penguin Project enables persons with handicaps to play major rolls with supporting persons at their side to make the project work. The first play was "Annie."

On June 25, 2025, they will be hosting the National Community Theatre Conference. Competitors have 10 minutes to set up, 60 minutes to perform, 10 minutes to tear down. Contests start at state and regional levels before May. Nationals include 9 entries from the US and one from Germany.

Doyle Sanders, Scribe

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 8	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews	Bob Moore	Dan Boes
Nov 15	Doyle Sanders	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor	Bill D. Corwin
Nov 22	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

