



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

November 8, 2024

This Week's Program:

Officer Eric Wilcutt

Urbandale School
Resource Officer

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Jack Bell

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Bob Moore

Scribe:

Dan Boes

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Future Programs

11/15: Nate Buch
Iowa Wolves
Polio Eradication

11/22: TBA

11/29: No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak

Hope everyone is had a great weekend and good week so far! I am writing my Prez Sez here on election (typically sometime on Tuesday's is when I write them). What a crazy day election day has become from fear, anxiety, and all other sorts of emotion and feelings that people will experience today. But, I am a cup half full type of person where I look at today as a celebration that we as a country are still able to vote whichever way we are moved to do so. Not all countries have that luxury. What I tell all my clients is the only thing I can guarantee is that half the country is going to be thrilled and half is going to think our country as we know it is over, and what I have noticed with this now being my third presidential election with this job is that the same thing was said about each of the last two, and the sun still came up the next morning.



So, let me give my two cents and maybe I am wrong but election time is always a busy time for me with clients wondering what is going to happen to the market if X candidate or Y candidate means so maybe I just have some brain fog and rambling false information. But, I think we are more united than the picture that is painted in our country and I strongly believe Rotary is an example of that. When you join Rotary we don't ask if you're a republican, democrat, independent, or never have cared about politics instead we just get to know the individual and are united in the sense that we want to do good in our community and worldwide. We want to get rid of polo, we want to help with medical supplies in Africa, we want to make sure kids have coats for winter, and to me I love that when we unite for the greater good. Or in Greenfield with the tornados no one cared who anyone voted for they just wanted to know how they could help out their fellow neighbor and Iowan. So my challenge is during a time like an election where it seems like division starts to build up I challenge us to look at ways that we are united and no matter what happens today or when the results become official that we continue to good. Sorry I know rambling, but I have been talking elections for the last month plus with clients on both sides so lots on my mind about it.

On a positive note, because I don't think the news letter will be out before then I want to quick say thank you to all our veterans and especially if we have any veterans in our club. I have so much respect for those who have served and sacrificed, and it is because of you why we have such a great country and why we can even have elections. If you know of a veteran I challenge you to buy them a cup of coffee or a meal over the next couple of weeks.

Sorry for all my rambling today, like everyone else though it is hard to not have election on your mind when it is election day, and no one knows what's going to happen or who is going to win. But, what I do know is going to happen is that no matter what we in Rotary are going to continue to work hard to make a difference and that is what I love about our club!

Scribbles...

Patty Sneddon-Kisting - Urbandale Food Pantry

This last week we had Patty Sneddon-Kisting from the Urbandale food pantry come and speak to us. Some stats that I found to be eye opening from Patty was that they are serving on average 4,624 individuals each month, and having 162 new families coming to the pantry each month as well. In addition to that 1 in 3 of those that they serve



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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

Friday Meeting November 22nd
Location Change - Cozy Cafe

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

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Clothing Drive

Look who's loaded
up their car with
donated clothes
from Lifetime!
Keep up the
good work!



Birthdays

November 7 Joe Kobes

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 15	Doyle Sanders	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor	Bill D. Corwin
Nov 22	Julia Taylor	Jack Bell	Wendi Wilson	Dianne Downing
Nov 29	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				



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are under the age of 18 and they also average 706 seniors a month at the pantry. They get their food from local businesses, schools, churches and community organizations also, from donors, sponsors, and local farms. But, their main aspect is their food rescue partnership that they have with their local partners. So far this year from those partnerships they have received 468,679 pounds of food! When it comes how do people receive their food they have once a month where people can go in and they do a full month worth of shopping and then also they do have an emergency pantry. When someone comes to their pantry or if a family comes for a month worth of shopping their guidelines are 12 pounds (items per person) so a family of 4 may collect 48lbs (items) from the pantry. Some of their exciting news is that in spring of 2025 they will have a new location on 79th and Douglas where they will have an actual indoor waiting room vs people having to wait outside, office space, and more room for storage. If you are looking to volunteer they are always looking for volunteers and for people to go pick up food from their local partners in the food rescue program.

Scribe, Tim Olejniczak