



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

## Prez Sez

Jack Bell

This Prez Sez will (thankfully/finally?) be a short one as I am working on on a deadline. Juanito and I are getting ready to head to Des Moines International Airport to visit Washington, D.C., see some sites (including the monuments, the Capitol, and a Caps game) and also visit some of his relatives who are coming down from Philly.

While I know that the scribe will write a full report covering our speaker this past Friday, I also wanted to chime in to emphasize how inspiring it was for me to hear from Maddie Vrieze. Not only did she speak about Interact at Valley High School, but her discussion about her commitment to service made me once again feel both proud to be a Rotarian and also fortunate to have someone as passionate as Maddie currently involved with Interact, planning to be a member of the Rotaract Club at Drake (Go Bulldogs!) and most likely join a Rotary Club in the near future.

I asked Maddie to keep us updated on her progress as she embarks on her university experience focusing on a pre law degree, possibly entering public service and then strives to become one of Iowa's future leaders. Rotary (and our state) will be in good hands!

Rotary Creates Hope, Jack

## Scribbles...

### Maddie Vrieze - Rotary Interact



Maddie who is a previous server at UGCC, came to speak to us about Interact. Interact is a high school club that works directly with a local Rotary club in projects that expose the youth to the 4 Way Test and Service Above Self. A senior at Valley High School and who is graduating in January, Maddie has been in the Interact club for 3 years. With Past District Governor Tom Narak as their Rotary sponsor from the DSM AM club, along with Mrs. Johnson their faculty advisor they have a very active club. The 10-15 members meet every other week on Tuesdays.

They are involved in small volunteer projects each month, with quarterly big projects that engage and encourage the members in Service Above Self. Projects like bike, coat and canned food drives, Meals from the Heartland, Adopt-a- Family during the holiday season and trips to Xicotepec Mexico are just some of the examples of projects this club has been involved in. All projects are funded and supported by the DSM AM Club. Maddie mentioned that the financial obligation along with finding both school and rotary sponsors to be directly involved in the club as an obstacle in starting new Interact clubs. Valley's Interact Club uses Club Star, which is a club fair, and the promise of Silver Cord hours to recruit new members.

On a personal note, Maddie has been involved in debate for 11 years and has "a passion for arguing". Growing up in West Des Moines, she credits her heart for service to her family that instilled volunteerism, faith, family, attitude, and ethics in her at a very young age. During COVID she did volunteer work through her church and has gone beyond the 50 hours for her Silver Cord and has earned a Gold Cord which takes 100 volunteer hours. She works at the 86 th and Douglas Hy-Vee (for our very own Jake). After graduation in January, she will start

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November 10, 2023

*This Week's Program:*

**Andrew Bartek**

Physical Therapy

Arranged By:

Bob Moore

Greeter:

Mark McAndrews

Invocation:

Bill Grask

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Dan Boes



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**Future Programs**

**11/17:** Kelly Peterson  
Rotary DEI

**11/24:** No Meeting  
**Happy Thanksgiving**

# 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)

# Scribe Continued

Drake University for the spring semester. Her plan is to major in Political Science, Pre-Law, and Spanish. She also plans to join the Drake Rotaract Club which has around 100 members. Maddie's long-term career goal is to work in the DA's office and to prosecute sex crimes against children as she wants to be "the voice for victims". From there she aspires to be the District 1 Supervisor tackling such issues as gentrification in the Valley Junction neighborhoods. She told us to look for her name on the ballot someday running to be the Governor of Iowa. To say the least, Maddie is a very inspirational young woman who is an example of the impact Rotary can have on someone at a very young age.

Scribe, Kelly Peterson

# Birthdays

Nov 7 Joe Kobes



## Upcoming Events

No Meeting- Thanksgiving  
 Friday, November 24  
 Coats for Kids - TBD  
 Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
 Saturday, December 2  
 Christmas Dinner  
 Wednesday, December 20

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

**Jack Bell**  
 jackbell@yahoo.com

# We Did It!!



Thanks to everyone who donated their gently used clothes items. It sounded like a big goal to get 1,000 pounds...but we blew past that and almost doubled it!!

# Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 17	Joe Kobes	Jake Heston	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
Nov 24	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 1	Dave Piersel	Tony Hunt	Dianne Downing	Doyle Sanders
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