

# 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

Kelly Peterson

Hard to believe this is my last Prez Sez for the year! Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday I was fretting over the thought of having to come up with an article every week, and now my year as president is almost half over! Last week's program sparked the thought around how different agriculture is world-wide, but especially within the different geographical areas of our country. So many of the crops in California are picked by hand. My great uncle was a grape farmer and during the Cesar Chavez led strikes in the 70's, we went down to Kingsburg, CA to help him pick grapes. I went to college and lived in the Central Valley (Chico, CA) where the rice fields when flooded as a part of their growing cycle, drew some of the most beautiful and diverse birds that used the fields for their home and feeding grounds in the winter. There was also the almond groves (pronounced am-ond if you were from there because they would "shake the L out of them during harvest") which amongst the rows of blossoming trees was where tarantulas lived and would carpet the roads as they scurried away from the disturbance the harvest would cause. Yes, farming world wide takes many shapes and forms and of course, is the focus of many Rotary Projects.



I think about all the projects I have read about that Rotary Clubs have taken on globally to improve the quality of life for the people of that region. Be it our partnership with the Heifer Project- helping farmers provide healthier, locally sustained food, building fish farms, finding and bringing sources of clean water and sanitation, training, teaching, and coaching members of a community to help break the cycle of poverty and food insecurity, yes, the list goes on and on. My son's volunteer efforts in Uganda after high school graduation was a Rotary Project that helped the Pygmies who were displaced by the formation of a gorilla sanctuary develop sustainable agricultural practices to ensure their survival. In our service to others, we try to make life easier, safer, better for those in need. This also had me reflect upon the wonderful Celebration of Life for Jenifer last Saturday. Hers was a life well lived of dedication, service, and care for those around her and through the causes she believed in. She will be missed by the many whose lives she impacted.

Many blessings to you and yours during this holiday season, and all the best in 2023!

Yours in Service, Kelly

## Scribbles...

### Patrick Hatting - ISU Extension - Farm Management

Thank you Donna Larson for inviting and introducing Patrick Hatting. Patrick mentioned that he and Donna attended the same school in years past. Prior to joining ISU Extension, Patrick retired from a career as financial advisor, and also retired as a Lieutenant Colonel upon serving 32 years in the Air Force including the Iowa Air National Guard.

He now serves in the ISU Extension office of ANR - Agriculture and Natural Resources, as a Farm Management Specialist serving 12 central Iowa counties. The farm management team provides Iowa farm owners and operators the latest in research-based information. The team educates Iowans on farm financial and risk management, instructs on government programs (such as the farm bill and crop insurance), provides guidance on strategic and business

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December 16, 2022

### This Week's Program:

Jim Dietz-Kilen  
Living History Farms

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Shannon Heinen

Invocation:

Marv Johnson

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Tim Olejniczak

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### Future Programs

12/23: No Meeting  
Merry Christmas!

12/30: No Meeting  
Happy New Year!

1/6: Blake Rozendaal  
Urbandale Public Arts

## Other Locations

### Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (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, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (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, Drake University - Courtside Club (7:00 am)

## Scribe Continued...

planning, examines environmental management policies, and informs on agricultural marketing tools and supply chains. Patrick's experience in financial planning serves him well in advising on succession planning and intergenerational transfer of farm ownership.

Following is a list of ANR Program Teams and areas:

Agricultural Systems and Environmental Stewardship  
Crops

Dairy

Farm, Food and Enterprise Development

Farm Management

Food Safety

Horticulture

Iowa Beef Center

Iowa Pork Industry Center

Natural Resources Stewardship

Patrick's experience also includes 22 years as a Rotarian from 1997-2018 beginning in Michigan, then Grinnell, plus President of the Newton Club 2013-2014.

If you want to learn more about the valuable services that our ISU Extension offices provide, go to Agriculture and Natural Resources | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (iastate.edu).

Larry Sample, Scribe

## Upcoming Events

**Christmas Party - Christophers Beavertdale**

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 - Time 6:00 pm  
Please bring a childrens book to donate

**St. Vincent De Paul's Volunteer Day**

Tuesday, Dec. 27

**NO MEETINGS**

December 23rd & December 30th

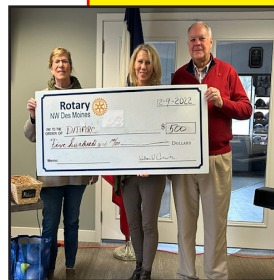
**January 6th Meeting Location - TBD**

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

**Kelly Peterson**

kelpete12@yahoo.com

## Helping Hand



NW Rotary was proud to present a check to DMARC.

We hope this small contribution will help them carry out the great things they do in our community!

## Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
	<u><b>Greeter</b></u>	<u><b>Invocation</b></u>	<u><b>Sergeant</b></u>	<u><b>Scribe</b></u>
<b>Dec. 23</b>	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
<b>Dec. 30</b>	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
<b>Jan. 6</b>	Joe Kobes	Dan Boes	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Kelly Peterson by finding your substitute!</i>				