

HUES OF BLUE

A photograph of three people—two women and one man—crouching outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background. They are all wearing light blue t-shirts with the word "VOLUNTEER" printed on them. The woman on the left is holding a small tree sapling. The man in the center is smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman on the right is also smiling and looking towards the camera. They appear to be engaged in a community planting activity. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day.

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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

by June Owens

Greetings!

Welcome to the December 2019 Edition/Communication of Hues of Blue. We have received good responses, encouraging comments and great feedback on our first Edition/Communication. Many thanks to each of you for reading, sharing and sending in your thoughts.

This edition will highlight two Candidates for Des Moines Mayor: Frank Cownie and Jack Hatch. As December is a time when many are more charitable, I thought it would be a good time to for the Candidates to share more information about their favorite non-profits as well as share more with you as it pertains to their reasons for running and their faith.

On a personal note, I have so many non-profits for which I am a big fan. A few of my favorite charities are the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute and Children and Families of Iowa. The great thing about Greater Des Moines is that you can always find amazing non-profits and figure out a place to plug in to give of your time, talent and/or treasures.

When I think about my charitable endeavors, I believe that I have been blessed to be a blessing. I have been blessed with friends, family and mentors who have poured so much into me in so many ways and it is my obligation to pay it forward and make a difference for others.

With thinking about my blessings, it of course makes me think about my faith. My faith has encouraged me to keep marching forward, putting one step in front of the other and trusting God every step of the way. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King said it best: Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

It is my hope that you read this Edition and have the opportunity to get to know the Des Moines Mayoral Candidates a little bit better. Please be sure to get out to vote on December 3rd!

It is also my hope that you will think about how you can give of your time, talent or treasures to be helpful whether it is to a local non-profit or even volunteering your time with a Campaign. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Non-Profit Organizations and Campaigns. However you decide to give, please know your efforts will be both appreciated and impactful.

Thank you and happy reading!

June Owens



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VOTING IN THE 2019 ELECTIONS

Please vote on December 3, 2019! Polls are open from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

To find your precinct and polling location please visit the Iowa Secretary of State's website.

When voting, please be sure to bring ID with you. Per the Iowa Secretary of State's website, here are answers to a few frequently asked questions about IDs and Voting in Iowa:

Do voters have to show ID at the polls? Iowa voters are required to show an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID or veteran's ID, tribal ID/document or Iowa voter ID card at the polls before they vote. A voter without one of the listed forms of ID may have the voter's identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or may prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents. Voters without the necessary ID or an attester will be offered a provisional ballot and can provide ID up until the time of the county canvass of votes (Monday after election day for Primary and General Elections).

What about voters who don't have an ID? Any registered voter who does not have a valid driver's license or non-operator's ID issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation will be issued a Voter ID Card for free, automatically, in the mail. This also applies to anyone who registers to vote in the future. Upon receipt of the Voter ID Card, it should be immediately signed. Obtaining the Voter ID Card does not require any further documentation or action by the voter; voters simply need to be registered to vote in the county where they live.

ELECTION DAY EVENTS

Compiled by June Owens

Mayor Frank Cownie

December 3rd, 7:30 pm

Star Bar

2811 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines

Senator Jack Hatch

December 3rd, 8:00 pm

The Walnut

1417 Walnut St, Des Moines, IA 50309

WHY I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR

by Frank Cownie

YOU ARE RUNNING IN A LOCAL ELECTION. THE RUN-OFF ELECTION IS ON DECEMBER 3RD. PLEASE TELL US WHY YOU ARE RUNNING AND WHY LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER.

I'm running for reelection because I want to keep Des Moines moving forward. When I first ran for office, Des Moines was in a dark place, as budget cuts had forced the city to shut off many of the streetlights. We've come a long way since then. Today, Des Moines is known as one of the best cities in the nation, a top place to live, work, and raise a family. These accolades are great, and we should take pride in them, but we must also recognize our work isn't finished. We must continue working to repair our infrastructure, improve our neighborhoods, and provide opportunity to all of our residents. I'm running for reelection continue the great work we have started and to keep Des Moines moving forward.

WHAT DO YOU/HAVE YOU ENJOYED MOST DURING YOUR SERVICE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL?

The best part of my job is meeting the people of our great city. One of the joys of serving as mayor is getting to work with people from every corner of the city. To be an effective mayor, you must take time to listen to residents, listen to their concerns, their ideas, and their hopes for the city. That is why I attend hundreds of neighborhoods meetings and community events each year. As mayor, I will continue taking time to meet and listen to our citizens.



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DURING THE HOLIDAYS, MANY TEND TO BE MORE CHARITABLE TO OTHERS. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CHARITY OR FAVORITE CHARITIES? IF SO, WHICH ONE(S) AND WHY?

The holidays are a time for charity, family, and tradition. For years, my family and I have delivered meals from Chuck's Restaurant on Thanksgiving Day. Most of our giving is to local charities that provide food, shelter, transitional housing, healthcare, and clothing for those most in need.

Christmas with my parents was a solemn occasion, marked by the remembrance of my older brother, who died on Christmas Eve when I was just a toddler. We would take a tree to my parents' apartment and decorate it before taking them to Midnight Services at Central Presbyterian. Now, my family and I attend Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Augustin's with granddaughter, Meg, who sings in the choir. When we decorate our tree, we tell the story of each ornament. (Of course, it takes a LONG time finish the tree!) Another tradition is delivering Christmas baskets to families in need through our church, and supplying hats, mittens, food, and toys to families in need.

MANY RELIGIONS, THOUGH NOT ALL, HAVE SPECIAL HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER. WE HAVE FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE OR NOT HAVE VARIOUS BELIEFS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, ETC. HAS FAITH PLAYED SOME ROLE IN YOUR LIFE? IF SO, WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY?

Faith plays an important and personal aspect of my life. I have been a member of Central Presbyterian Church my entire life and I am guided by core values that come from my faith, including compassion, acceptance, tolerance, peace, truthfulness, and fairness. I often visit other churches and places of worship to learn about other faiths and to build bridges with other members of our community. While faith plays an important role in my personal life, I believe in in freedom of religion, freedom from an imposition of religion, and separation of Church and State.



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by Jack Hatch

TELL US ABOUT YOUR START IN POLITICS.

I began my political career in 1985 when I was elected to the House of Representatives and in 2002, I was elected to the Iowa State Senate and served until 2013 when I resigned to run for Governor of Iowa. I served as the state director for U.S Senator Tom Harkin and served as board member for Des Moines Water Works in 1998, Des Moines Public Housing from 1996 to 1997, and Children & Families of Iowa from 1980 to 1984.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO SERVE IN POLITICS?

At a young age I developed a passion for social justice and knew I wanted a career in politics. I wanted to help make a positive change. I attended Drake University for both my undergraduate and master's degrees, receiving my MPA in 1973. I guess you could say my first "race" was for student body president, which I won in 1971.

NAME A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE INSPIRED AND/OR MENTORED YOU IN YOUR CAREER, IN POLITICS, IN LIFE OR OTHERWISE.

Robert Kennedy.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jack's number one priority is protecting our drinking water. ✓ As a state legislator, he led the creation of the largest environmental clean-up program in Iowa which eliminated groundwater contamination caused by leaking underground gasoline tanks. ✓ He will fight to keep Des Moines Water Works under city control, and try to make sure the Des Moines water supply is the cleanest in the state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jack will work to reduce gun violence, increase community policing and modernize the police force with cutting edge technologies. ✓ In the state legislature, Jack took on the N.R.A and sponsored legislation for universal background checks in Iowa and voted to stop those convicted of domestic violence from possessing firearms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In the Iowa Senate, Jack authored the expansion of Medicaid, created the Community Health Collaborative Network, and successfully led the effort to expand health care coverage to thirty thousand Iowa children. ✓ As mayor, Jack will tackle the mental health care crisis in Des Moines and will continue to tackle the issue of children's health care coverage.



Please contact us with your thoughts and ideas or sign up to volunteer! We'd love to hear from you!

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Vote **JACK HATCH** for Mayor ★ Together, we will get Des Moines back on track.

Election Day is December 3rd. ★ You can vote **NOW** ★ Call (515) 286-3247 for more information.

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WHY I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR

by Jack Hatch

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR MAYOR?

I started thinking about running two years ago when the current mayor was silent as legislators voted to dismantled the Des Moines Water Works. Mayor Cownie decided not to protect our drinking water when he passed on the vote. I see the future of Des Moines, especially water quality, "being blurred" without strong leadership.

It's really about priorities. Downtown is thriving while the neighborhoods are being forgotten. Despite the fact we are paying higher property taxes and face rising housing costs, potholes continue to plague our city, crumbling infrastructure is being neglected, and schools are in desperate need of repairs. Cownie is the longest serving mayor in Iowa and it's time for a change in leadership with new eyes, new ideas, and attention to all the neighbors.



WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR. TELL US WHAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR AND WHY.

I am grateful for the life I have and the abundance in it.

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