



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

January 23, 2026

This Week's Program:

Tony Hunt & Bill D. Corwin
Homeowner & Auto
Insurance Industry

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

Doyle Sanders

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Justin Nickel

Future Programs

1/30: TBA

2/6: Chuck Current
& Josh Spain
Meals From the Heartland

Message from the President

Dianne Downing

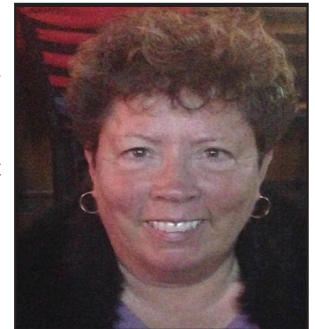
Hi Rotarians! I hope you had a great weekend.



Ok so winter is really here. Doesn't mean I have to like it. Why does it have to go from 49 to -8!

I got this picture from Eric Whoolson just as Marnie sent me last weeks newsletter. But I wanted to share it with you. The picture is Eric with his very first wheel barrel full of catnip!

Planning a social to help us get through these cold winter days. Some warm friendship and cold drinks!



Cold Weather Facts

Winter cold kills more than twice as many Americans as summer heat does

The average snowflake falls at about 3 mph

A single snowstorm can drop 39 million tons of snow

The coldest temperature ever recorded was -123° C at Vostok Station in Antarctica in 1983

Many mosquito species live through the winter as adults

Scribbles Tina & Josh Kidz Corner Kids

Today the club was joined by Tina and Josh Terrell from Kidz Corner child care center. Tina and Josh have been married for 10 years and are a family of 6 (4 children). They are both entrepreneurs with their own business. The business Tina operates day to day is Kidz Corner. Kidz Corner is one of the 1498 licensed child-care programs in Iowa.

Kidz corner has some unique philosophies for industry. The first is they believe that the staff comes first. The process they follow is to develop and love on the staff and the staff will develop and love on the children. This has allowed them to experience less turnover than the industry standards. The other unique offering of Kidz Corner is called the drop in concept. Parents can just drop in and take advantage of the assistance watching their children, anytime M-F 7 and to 6 pm and even 1 Saturday a month for the "parents night out" offering.

Kidz Corner wants to be a fill in the gap solution or a permanent solution for anyone who is in need. One of the pathways for growth are in what they described as Business Community Partnerships.

Tina and Josh gave an excellent presentation and are doing good and unique work in the community and the lives of their employees through their business. I want to say again thank you for sharing with us this week.



Bill D. Corwin, Scribe



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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, City 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)

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
 Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
 Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)
 Rotary Club of HOPE, First & Third Thursday of Month
 (5:30 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club, (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

Feb 9-14 Waukee Rotary Blood Donor Week



Tony Hunt

Birthday February, 1991

Where do you live? Johnston

Describe yourself in one word
 Hard-working

What do you do for a living?
 Insurance, Central bank

Family members
 Kaitlin Wilkerson, finance'
 Mom and siblings live in
 NW Iowa and Nebraska

When did you join Rotary? 2019

Tell us about a good rotary experience:
 I was named Rookie of the year And I enjoy
 volunteer opportunities

*What would you like to have our club
 accomplished this year?*
 Grow its membership and help
 volunteer were needed



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
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Jan 30	Tony Hunt	Julia Taylor	Doyle Sanders	Leray Glendenning
Feb 6	Mark McAndrews	Wendi Wilson	Julia Taylor	Tony Hunt
Feb 13	Tim Olejniczak	Jack Bell	Wendi Wilson	Mark McAndrews

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist by finding your substitute!

Items for the
 Nor'Wester
 should be submitted
 by end of the day
 each Monday.
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Future Info

