



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

February 13, 2026

*This Week's Program:*

**John Wild**

Wild Whim Ice Cream Shoppe

*Arranged By:*

*Bill D. Corwin*

*Greeter:*

Tim Olejniczak

*Invocation:*

Jack Bell

*Sergeant:*

Bill W. Corwin

*Scribe:*

Mark McAndrews

*Future Programs*

**2/20:** Tony Hunt  
& Bill D. Corwin  
Updates on Personal  
Insurance

**2/27:** Matt Hauge  
Polk Country Housing  
Trust Fund

## Message from the President

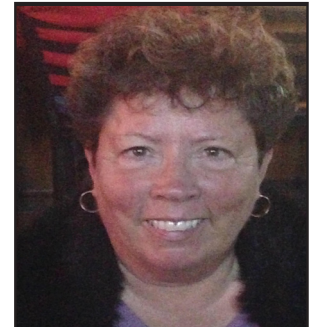
Dianne Downing

Good day everybody. I hope you had a great weekend. And like my dog Kirby predicted the Seattle Seahawks won the Super Bowl.

As I mentioned briefly at last week's meeting, I had a good lunch with Indianola president Terry Pauling, and Chris Bertilson, assistant District Governor. We talked about a lot of things regarding our clubs and they're pretty much alike.

The Indianola club is losing members and its mission is to increase its membership just like ours is. We talked about ways to attract people such as brochures, attending events And even going so far as to pay to advertise. I guess we'll all figure it out.

Thanks to Ed Arnold for all the hard work he's put in for the polio plus basketball game. It sounds like ticket sales are going fairly well and should be a good event.



**Happy Valentine's Day Everybody!**



## Congratulations!

Congratulations Dianne for receiving the Salvation Army "Spirit of Christmas" award. It represents the great job your club does working with your community

Please congratulate your club members for the achievement. You have a good group of Rotarians.

Let us know if your club has a project, event or club meeting that would think would be good for us to make an informal visit.

**Congrats!! Thank you!**





### 2025-26 Officers & Directors

Dianne Downing, President  
 Wendi Wilson, President Elect  
 Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer  
 Bill W. Corwin, Secretary  
 Ed Arnold, Board Member  
 Bill D. Corwin, Board Member  
 Tony Hunt, Board Member  
 Kelly Peterson, Board Member  
 Tim Olejniczak, Past President

## 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

# Scribbles

## Chuck Current & Josh Spain Meals from the Heartland

In 2008, a 501(c)(3) organization was formed, creating Meals from the Heartland.

Besides sending out food, they also make sure the following is done:

Recipient is not forgotten  
 Recipient is important  
 Recipient know they are loved

21 million Meals served last year  
 -2,008,000 meals served in Iowa  
 -1,000,000 meals outside of Iowa  
 -18.5 million meals served around the world

They work with various food banks

People can come down and help prepare meals, Tuesday through Saturday

They had 163 mobile hunger events last year  
 -These events were hosted all over the Midwest  
 -They bring the assembly line to the host

They make two types of meals: Rice Meal & Taco Mac

Their goal is this year is 23 million meals served

Overall, they operate on donations

Scribe, Tony Hunt

## Future Info

### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Feb 20	Kelly Peterson	Dan Boes	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
Feb 27	Doyle Sanders	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell	Kelly Peterson
Mar 6	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes	Doyle Sanders

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. Please send to:

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