



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

**February 20, 2026**

*This Week's Program:*

**Tony Hunt & Bill D. Corwin**

Updates on Personal  
Insurance

Greeter:

Kelly Peterson

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Tim Olejniczak

*Future Programs*

2/27: Matt Hauge  
Polk Country Housing  
Trust Fund

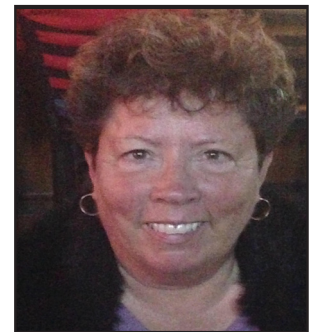
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## Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I found some more interesting Rotary Facts:

There are more than 1.2 million Rotarians, around the world. The most remote Club is Papeete, Tahiti, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The southernmost Club is Base Marambio, Antartida, in Antarctica. The northernmost Club is Barrow, Alaska, above the Arctic Circle. The highest Club is El Aguilar, Argentina, 4,880 meters above sea level. The lowest Club is El Centro, California, USA, 12.2 meters below sea level. There are over 33,000 Rotarians in Rotary Zone 8, which is situated in the South Pacific. It includes the following countries: Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu. There's over 1,100 Clubs in Australia alone.



## Scribbles

### John Wild Wild Whim Ice Cream Shoppe

John Wild of the Wild Whim Ice Cream Shoppe offered a cautionary tale of the dangers of following your passions. 10 years ago a recipe on NPR enticed him into making ice cream. Then he progressed step by step slowly acquiring additional equipment (ice cream makers introducing multiple technologies, multiple freezers, negotiating with his wife for kitchen time....) ultimately enrolling in an international ice cream making course at Penn State University.

John did share various technical aspects of ice cream making demonstrating his expertise and willingness to share his knowledge with us.

As he progressed from hobbyist to true enthusiast he has shared the fruits of his endeavors quite widely. He donates ice cream to many charity auctions (usually themed with each month). He also provides enticing flavors themed to each year's Shakespeare on the lawn at Salisbury House.

He particularly enjoys matching new flavors to particular events. Blueberry and sweet corn were matched to a production of "Of Mice and Men" highlighting Lennie's quest to live off the fat of the land and a yearning for paradise. John shared samples such as "Blueberry and Sweet Corn", "Salted Oreo" and "Goat Cheese and Sour Cherry" with the club. My take-away from this presentation is follow your passion, embrace creativity and welcome others into your specialty.



Scribe, Mark McAndrews



### 2025-26 Officers & Directors

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 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

**Board Meeting** Friday, February 20, 1:00 - Cozy Cafe

## William (Bill) D. Corwin

*Birthday August 11*

*Where do you live?* Clive

*Describe yourself in one word*

Tall

*What do you do for a living?*

Sales & Management

*Family members*

Lisa, wife - Parker and Zach, sons

*Tell us about a good rotary experience:*

The kindness of rotary at my uncle's funeral & the help I got on my career from Rotarians is why I joined

Tell us about a really good Rotary experience

Manage the Pickleball tournament for the club for many years

*What would you like to have our club accomplished this year?*

Gain our membership and continue to serve those, indeed, as we have been doing all these years



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
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Feb 27	Doyle Sanders	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell	Kelly Peterson
Mar 6	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes	Doyle Sanders
Mar 13	Wendi Wilson	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel	Julia Taylor

*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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Future Info

