



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

March 6, 2026

This Week's Program:

Nick Osborne
Curling & Rotary
Fellowships

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Dan Boes

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders

Future Programs

3/13: John Claes
GiGi's Playhouse

3/20: TBA

Message from the President

Dianne Downing

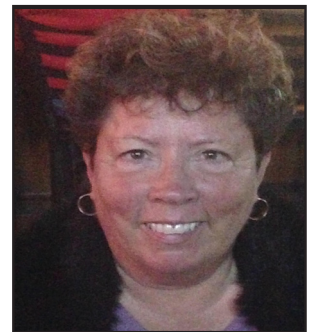
Wow, so much going on in the world this weekend. It's kind of scary to think about the attack on Iran and what the outcome may be. I'm kind of glad I'm not in Dubai right now.

I'm getting excited for our raffle tickets. Joe did a great job again this year and it sounds like we've got some new takers on the tickets. I know Tim at Texas Roadhouse is really excited to be involved and has told me that we can even sell tickets from his location. It's great to know how much money that we raise that help people.

We've had some really good speakers and I'm excited for some coming up. But we always need more!

Let me know when you're ready for a social and we'll get together and solve all the problems in the world. Ok maybe Urbandale! Ha!

Remember to bring me your baby picture!!! See you all Friday!



Scribbles

Matt Hauge Polk County Housing Trust Fund

This week's speaker was Matt Hauge from the Polk County Housing Trust Fund. Matt serves as the Director of Communications and Community Outreach and has been with the organization for five years. His passion for the mission was evident throughout his presentation. He was arranged by Dan Boes, who now serves on the Board of the organization.

The Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) is a nonprofit organization with offices on 5th Street in Des Moines. It serves all of Polk County and is not a county government entity. The organization's mission is to provide strategic leadership, expertise, and resources to strengthen communities by expanding affordable housing choices throughout Polk County. The Housing Trust serves Polk County residents earning under 80% of the median income. This includes service workers, single parents, seniors on fixed incomes, individuals with disabilities, and other low income residents.

PCHTF programs focus on keeping monthly housing costs under \$1,000. None of their programs provide free housing; instead, they emphasize longterm affordability. The Trust invests in low-income housing projects, assists with repairs to older rental properties, operates a revolving loan program for nonprofit housing projects, provides down payment assistance, and helps low income homeowners repair single family homes. Primary Health Care serves as the centralized intake point for individuals seeking services. The demographics of those served closely mirror the population of Polk County.

The Polk County Housing Trust Fund accepts individual donations. More information can be found at www.pchtg.org.

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin





2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
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- 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)

Anniversary

Justin Nickel 1 Year



Marv Johnson

Birthday January

Where do you live? West Des Moines

Describe yourself in one word
Contemplative

What do you do for a living?
50 years of practice of veterinary medicine
10 years in South Bend, Indiana
40 years in Des Moines in WDM & Urbandale

Family members
Verona, spouse, deceased
Daughters, Stephanie Reymann, Kelly Vohlakis
Son, Christian Johnson

Tell us about a good rotary experience:
57 years of rotary international in relationship with hundreds of great Rotarians
President of the South Bend club in 1975

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

Future Info	Ed Arnold - Program Chair			
	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Mar 13	Wendi Wilson	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel	Julia Taylor
Mar 20	Bill W. Corwin	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Wendi Wilson
Mar 27	Jack Bell	Tim Olejniczak	Leray Glendenning	Justin Nickel

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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