



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

March 20, 2026

This Week's Program:

Julie Burtnette
Des Moines Children Museum

Arranged By:
Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Bill W. Corwin

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

Future Programs

3/27: Robin Fulton
DM Playhouse
Treasure Trunk Theatre
Program

4/3: No Meeting
HAPPY EASTER!

Message from the President

Dianne Downing

More fun Rotary facts!

The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931, at the time of the Vienna Convention.

Rotary became bilingual in 1916, when it organized a non-English-speaking Club in Cuba.

Arch Klumph established the "Rotary Endowment Fund" in 1917, when the Kansas City, MO Club donated \$26.50. In 1928, it became The Rotary Foundation.

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.

Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922, when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

Rotary first established Paul Harris Fellowships in 1957, for contributors of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.



NW Rotary Raffle Ticket Sales!

NW Des Moines Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets again this year.
All proceeds will be used to purchase coats for Urbandale area children.



Cost is \$10 each or 5 for \$20

On flip side of tickets are coupons with discounts
at many local restaurants

For tickets or more information contact
Joe Kobes at joekobes@gmail.com



2025-26 Officers & Directors

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 Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
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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

Let's Plant a Tree

Scribbles

John Claes GiGi's Playhouse

Rotary speaker last week was John Claes from GiGi's Playhouse in Windsor Heights.



There are 62 GiGi's playhouses across the United States that provide help, support, and services for Down's Syndrome individuals and their families.

There is one to one tutoring for math/ literacy and a gorgeous area for the entire family to have fun and relax while their family member is receiving tutoring. There are also social activities for all ages on Friday night with a stage and karaoke.

The life expectancy used to average 20 years old for a Down's individual, now with more support the life expectancy is near 60 years old.

Mr. Claes wants us as Rotarians "to get the word out" about the free services and support for the entire family that GiGi's provides. He made note of the student volunteers from Waukee who come to the playhouse to interact with the students. Also highlighted was the connection between Alzheimer's research with Downs syndrome also.

Scribe, Julia Taylor



Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Mar 27	Jack Bell	Tim Olejniczak	Leray Glendenning	Justin Nickel
Apr 3	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Apr 10	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Tony Hunt	Jack Bell

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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