



# Nor'Wester

## Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

**March 21, 2025**

***This Week's Program:***

**Jason Bridie**  
Clive Behavioral  
Health Services

Arranged By:

Doyle Sanders

Greeter:

Mark McAndrews

Invocation:

Jack Bell

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

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Kelly Peterson, Board Member  
Jack Bell, Past President

### ***Future Programs***

**3/28:** Eric Tehiel  
Electraic Vehicle Education

**4/4:** Kevin Daliin  
Easter Seals of Iowa

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

I hope that everyone is having a good week so far, and if anyone celebrated St. Patty's Day I hope that you had a good time! St. Patty's Day is always a fun holiday because it is my oldest nephew's birthday in which he turned 8 this year. I know I will get made fun of and that's ok, but him turning 8 really makes me feel old, and time honestly does fly. As I have said numerous times, enjoy each moment, be in the moment and don't take things for granite because time really does fly by! Not because of St. Patty's Day even though I do enjoy the holiday, but I just really enjoy this time of year. Daylight last longer, weather starts to warm up for the most part (long as we don't blow away this spring), can start getting out to golf some, and of course because of March Madness! I am not sure if anyone else is like me, but I enjoy filling out bracket's way too much and probably do 6-10 different brackets. I will then end up losing to like my 6-year-old nephew or my sister who just put random teams in one bracket with zero research and then hear about it all year. I also love March Madness since normally you get one Cinderella team each year (Hopefully it's Drake this year), and I enjoy that because it shows us that things can be done that we never thought could be done. No one gives these teams any chance of winning, probably most of their fans don't either but the guys inside the locker room believe that they can go out and do it. I think at times that is true to Rotary is not everyone knows what goes on inside our locker room, or the hearts of our members and how we know we can go out and make an impact. So, as always, I challenge our members to try to recruit some people to join our locker room.



Couple of club updates especially for those that couldn't make last Friday. First off, a reminder that we are not going to be doing the pickleball tournament this year, but we are still going to be selling Raffle tickets. Joe has been doing an amazing job getting restaurants on board and for the first time since I have been a member there will be 6 different coupons!! If you are able, please mark your calendars off on May 17th-18th and May 24-25th as Hy-Vee is allowing us to sell tickets at their store again. Second, we are shooting for the golf tournament to be September 5th (tentative date) at Beaver Creek. I have two voicemails out there right now, but our goal is to get a minimum of 20 teams this year. My goal would be for each member to either find one sponsor or one team (can be yourself) and if we do that, I strongly believe we will have a very successful golf tournament.

I will end with this; I would like to invite any member to join us at McDivot's this Thursday. This is Kyle's sports bar, and we are going to be having our board meeting there from noon-1. But I am going to try and get there around 11:15 and I must leave at 1:45. I know other members are going to stick around a little bit to watch the games. Anyone in the club is welcome to join us for the games and board meeting this Thursday!

## Speaker

### ***Eric Idehen - DMACC Experience***

Eric is working for the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families (EKDC). EKDC is a nonprofit affiliated with DMACC and the DMACC Foundation that was formed 7 years ago to help inter-city families. It was created to help people get the services that they need. DMACC provides the facilities and resources for the EKDC.



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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, Downtown Holiday Inn – Mercy, (7:00 am)

## Upcoming Events

CFUM -April 21

HyVee Ticket Sales  
May 17-18th and May 24-25th

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted  
by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Funded by Polk County Financial Empowerment Center and United Way, it provides access to services that elevate, educate, and empower individuals and families seeking pathways to enhance their quality of life. Core services are career coaching, Y-EXCL, digital literacy, Opportunity Passport, Men on the Move (mens' professional clothes closet), Small Business Solutions Center (helping people in business relationships), and the Financial Empowerment Center.

Eric recounted an incident with a man who appeared for assistance and claimed to be just out of prison seeking help to find a job but was so high that Eric nearly became intoxicated himself from the odor while talking to him. The situation required Eric to take on the role of counselor, too. The man returned for additional assistance.

The Digital Skills class had 322 students in 2024 completing courses at three different levels.

There is concern that the new DMACC president may raise questions about how the programs tie to the educational goals of DMACC. They are looking at getting their own 501(c)(3) recognition or at affiliating with a different organization. However, this project faces several hurdles.

Opportunity Passport funding is from United Way. It helps young people become good stewards of their money and sometimes work their way out of tough financial situations and relationships. There will be 46 students this summer.

The Small Business Solutions program teaches people to be prepared to enter the business world. Career and Employability served over 851 people in 2024.

With training and nice clothes, people find it easier to be successful. Eric's asks of the new DMACC leadership: 1) Commit to support for 2-3 years until they are on their own? 2) Look for the value in what they do for the community.

Doyle Sanders, Scribe

## Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Scribe</b>
<b>Mar 28</b>	Wendi Wilson	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Jack Bell
<b>Apr 4</b>	Kelly Peterson	Bill D. Corwin	Doyle Sanders	Dan Boes
<b>Apr 11</b>	Doyle Sanders	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor	Bill D. Corwin
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

