



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

March 27, 2026

This Week's Program:

Robin Fulton

DM Playhouse Treasure Trunk
Theatre Program

Greeter:

Jack Bell

Invocation:

Tim Olejniczak

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

Justin Nickel

Future Programs

**4/3: No Meeting
HAPPY EASTER!**

4/10: Tom Willoboughy
Urbandale High School
Sports - Boosters

Message from the President

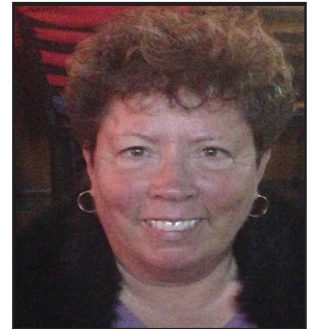
Dianne Downing

Hi everybody, I hope you had a great weekend. The weather sure has been different. Had snow one day and 80s the next, Well, I guess this is Iowa.

I'm not sure if I'm going to be able to attend the district conference this year in Coralville. I have some family conflicts, but I'm gonna really try to make it at least the first day. If anybody else would like to go, I think that would be great.

Joe is having a meeting at 7 AM this Wednesday at cozy to talk about the raffle and things that we can do to help sell them. I'm planning on attending and I'll let you all know soon about what I find out.

Thanks for all you do. You're a great bunch of Rotarians!

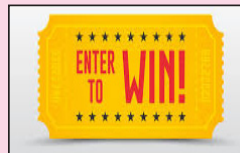


NW Rotary Raffle Ticket Sales!

NW Des Moines Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets again this year. 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



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- 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

Ashlen Sheaffer Des Moines Children Museum

Ashlen Sheaffer joined us Friday to talk about the Des Moines Children's Museum. The museum was started in 2017 by 2 moms looking to provide a dedicated space for young children and their caregivers to safely explore, learn and play through interactive exhibits and programming. Play is very important in early childhood development as it helps strengthen core life skills such as memory, self-control, and mental flexibility.

Many cities throughout the world have children's museums including 5 other communities in Iowa. This is Des Moines' first museum of this kind. The facility provides high-quality attractions dedicated to young children and their families. It gives accessible and inclusive play for children of all abilities.

The museum moved into their current space in 2019. The Valley West Mall location allows them to have 12000 sq ft for their almost 72,000 visitors yearly. Unfortunately, the mall is anticipating foreclosure, so they have secured a new location in West Des Moines off of 12th Street that should be ready in 2027. The new facility will be a two story museum and eventually an outdoor space for play.

Currently, the museum sees about 800 children daily. Saturdays are very busy with birthday parties. They have opportunities for summer camp, parties, and private events.

Scribe- Wendi Wilson



Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Apr 3	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Apr 10	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Tony Hunt	Jack Bell
Apr 17	Justin Nickel	Doyle Sanders	Mark McAndrews	Dan Boes

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:

Dianne Downing

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