



# 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.

**April 11, 2025**

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

**Kevin DeVries**  
Retail Pharmacy  
& Rotary

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Doyle Sanders

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin

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### ***Future Programs***

**4/18:** Bob Hartwig  
Iowa Bankers  
Mortgage Corp

**4/25:** Aaron Putze  
Iowa Soybean  
Association

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

I hope everyone is having a great week so far! I know it is only Tuesday morning, but for myself it has been a pretty crazy last few days, but also pretty exciting last few days. For those who were gone on Friday, I officially changed jobs and now working at a new firm, which I am extremely excited about. What I maybe under anticipated a little bit was all the work that goes into a transition especially in the financial field. I am not sure I have ever talked on the phone or made as many calls as I have made on Friday and Monday than during an entire week in my life. So, I am sorry if my Prez Sez is a little all over the place this week or I don't make much sense, but that is because currently my mind is all over the place. This week for me is a lot of phone calls, and lots of meetings, but I strongly believe in the long run the move is going to be very beneficial, and I also think I went to a place that is a great place for my clients. The next month is going to be insane, but I know it will be worth it.



This year my goal is to try and get out of my comfort zone, which for myself is pretty hard due to being an outgoing person. Changing jobs was really hard for me though due to being at Ed Jones for 10 years, liking it there a lot and being very comfortable there while also knowing what to expect in the day to day life. But, I also knew long term for myself the only way I was going to advance my career more quickly was to take a risk and make a switch. After about two weeks of sleepless nights, I finally signed the dotted paper. I truly could not have timed it worst as the day before my final day, and then my final day last Friday could not have been worst days in the market. Thursday night as I cleaned out my office after a horrible day in the market was really starting to feel regret and questioning if I was making the right decision. I know I am only two days in so far, so maybe ask me in a few months, but currently I truly feel like I did make the right choice and couldn't be happier. I feel re-energized and back to being excited about getting into the office.

Why do I share all that? Mainly just because I know we discuss change a lot and how change is truly terrifying, and I just experienced that in my own life. But, a lot of times change is needed and it is good. I think we have seen that even in our own Rotary club this year, with our switch to the Cozy Cafe. They have been a great partner, our food is way better, and overall I think it is providing a better meeting environment, which will be even more improved once we get the sound barriers. My challenge to anyone in the club if you are debating about doing something for the first time or debating about change in some area of life, take the leap of faith and do it!

One quick piece on Rotary though, The golf tournament will be on September 12th at 8am at Jester Park Golf Course if you want to mark it down on your calendars! Hope everyone has a great week!

## Speaker

***Kevin Daliin - Easter Seals of Iowa***

The Northwest Rotary Club of Des Moines had the pleasure of welcoming Kevin Daliin of Easterseals Iowa to speak at its April 4th meeting. As the Assistant Director of the Rural Iowa Technology Team, Daliin has dedicated over 13 years to helping individuals with disabilities find and utilize adaptive technology. His presentation was thoughtfully designed to be accessible, verbally describing visual



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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

### Eric Idehen Book Launch

Saturday May 3rd - 4:00 to 6:00 pm  
Hope & Elim Church

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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items to ensure inclusivity.

Easterseals Iowa's Assistive Technology Team works to provide equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities to live, work, and play with greater independence. Assistive technology encompasses a wide range of devices—some everyday items, others specially designed—to help people complete tasks more easily. Digital access tools include screen readers, wireless keyboards with high-contrast keys, trackball mice, and even advanced options like HeadMouse Nano, which allows users to move the cursor with head movements, and Tobii PC-Eye, which enables eye-tracking for computer control.

Beyond digital devices, assistive technology extends into home environments through smart outlets, switches, thermostats, and other tools that enhance accessibility. Easterseals Iowa provides consultations to help individuals explore options and determine what best fits their needs. Their Rural Solutions Program specifically supports farmers and those in rural areas, ensuring access to essential assistive technology.

For those interested, Camp Sunnyside serves as a resource where individuals can trial equipment or browse available items online, including durable medical devices like powered beds and wheelchairs. Through their loan program, individuals can check out up to five items at a time for 30-day trials before committing to a purchase—some of which are available at significantly reduced costs.

Easterseals Iowa receives funding through federal and state support as well as donations. To learn more, visit <http://www.iowaatt.org>

Scribe, Dan Boes

## Anniversary

Joe Kobes 39 Years



## Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Apr 18	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson	Dianne Downing
Apr 25	Wendi Wilson	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews
May 2	Bill W. Corwin	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

