



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

April 24, 2026

This Week's Program:

David Thompson

Stine Seed

Podcasting from a Podcaster

Greeter:

Jeff Bremer

Invocation:

Julia Taylor

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin

Future Programs

5/1: Andrew Allen
YSS - Ember
Recovery

5/8: Rotary on TheWeb

5/15: Marquas Ashworth
Central @ Sixth Business
Incubator on 6th Avenue

Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I hope Everyone had a great weekend.

Thanks so much to everybody that volunteered on Sunday to sell our raffle tickets at Cozy Café. I think it was pretty successful at least while I was standing there people seem to be buying tickets.

Next weekend we are at Texas Roadhouse and I think some more volunteers might be needed. We'll talk more about it at Fridays meeting.

Otherwise get out there and **SELL, SELL, SELL!!!!**



Rotary Out & About

You can tell these guys were having fun selling Raffle tickets at Cozy Cafe on Sunday!

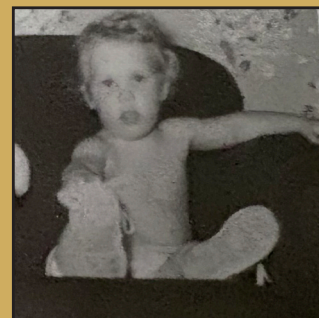
Justin, Dan, Brad,
Bill D, Doyle
and Joe

Thanks Guys!



Guess Who

*Can you guess which member
this cute baby is?*





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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, Wakonda Club, (7:00 am)

Plan to Attend!

CFUM meal

Monday, April 27, from 3:45 to 5pm.

Would be good to have a strong showing!

Scribbles

Kami Rankin & Jeff Condon Sleepy Hollow Sports Park

This week, the Rotary Club of NW Des Moines welcomed Kami Rankin and Jeff Condon of Polk County Conservation, who shared an update on the Sleepy Hollow Sports Park Capital Campaign and the work underway to reimagine the recreation destination.

Sleepy Hollow opened in 1994 and was purchased by Polk County Conservation in 2022 with a clear vision to rehabilitate and expand the park into a year-round outdoor recreation hub. A major part of the effort is the installation of Snowflex®, an all-weather synthetic turf surface lubricated by a fine mist that allows skiing and tubing in any season.

Sleepy Hollow sits just east of the Iowa State Fairgrounds in a neighborhood that has long needed new amenities and economic investment. The surrounding community is diverse, with many households living near the poverty line.

In 2025, Sleepy Hollow operated for 80 days and sold 5,676 tickets, more than double the previous year's operating days and trip sales.

The next phase of development will allow the park to operate more consistently and sustainably. Future additions such as ski lifts will extend winter operations, but long-term viability requires a full lodge facility to support guests, events, and year-round programming.

To bring this vision to life, a major fundraising effort is underway. The campaign focuses on 4 primary goals:

- Constructing a new lodge
- Installing a ski lift
- Expanding snowmaking infrastructure
- Adding a dedicated bunny hill for beginners

The total project budget is 18.5 million dollars, with a goal to raise the full amount by the end of 2026. Construction on the new lodge is planned to begin in 2027.

Scribe, Dan Boes

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
May 1	Brad Helgemo	Wendi Wilson	Kelly Peterson	Leray Glendenning
May 8	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell	Doyle Sanders	Tony Hunt
May 15	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor	Mark McAndrews

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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