



# 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.

**May 2, 2025**

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

**Austin Stubbs  
Dorothy's House**

*Arranged By:*

Tim Olejniczak

*Greeter:*

Bill W. Corwin

*Invocation:*

Tony Hunt

*Sergeant:*

Dan Boes

*Scribe:*

Kelly Peterson

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Kelly Peterson, Board Member

Jack Bell, Past President

### ***Future Programs***

**5/9:** Arya Remii  
Nepal Youth  
Foundation

**5/16:** Club Meeting

**5/23:** No Meeting  
Memorial Weekend

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*



I hope that everyone had a great weekend and that your week is off to a great start so far! My weekend was a pretty good one as I had a lot of family in town from different parts of the country. My cousin and his wife have been trying to have a kid for almost three years, and they finally are expecting and she is due in July. So, they flew up from Georgia, my other cousin with her husband and kids headed in from Denver, and my aunt and uncle from Missouri also made the trip up to Des Moines this weekend for our family to throw them a baby shower. Friday night we went to top golf, and if you are looking for a place to do an event, I would highly recommend them. They have a nice private area that we rented out, and their food was great. They can do a buffet style food with lots of different choices, so if family is in town and need something to do give it a look! Saturday we all got together for lunch, games and to give them their gifts (was the first baby shower I have ever attended) and then in the evening all my cousins and their significant others went out to eat and hang-out downtown. I really enjoyed the weekend due to only seeing my cousins from Georgia and Colorado maybe twice a year on a good year, but very rarely we are all together. So, as you have heard me say to many times to count. But make sure you are enjoying the time you have with loved ones, because especially as we get older, and both our life and theirs get busier you never know when you may see each other again.

Now a few notes on Rotary. First, I can't believe I am only two months out from stepping down as president and handing the keys over. With that being said the installation event is going to take place on 6/27 so make sure you have that day marked. Details are still being worked out but, that is the day I will be passing the keys. As I have said before thanking you for allowing me to serve as your president over the last year. I truly have enjoyed just getting to know everyone a little bit better, one thing I think that being president has allowed me to do is get closer to the members in our club and I have really enjoyed that experience.

Secondly, mark your calendars for June 13th. Jack has set up a meeting at the new Urbandale food pantry. I think this is going to be a neat experience to go and see their new facility and we will be getting a tour, have a short meeting and will be ordering either pizza or subs. Food will be provided and I hope that we have a great turnout. The food pantry is a very valuable asset to Urbandale and would love for us to have a good turnout to show our support.

Third, as a reminder the golf tournament is going to be September 12th, we would love if each member could either field a team or find a sponsor for the outing. With us not doing the pickleball tournament this year, this is our other big fundraiser along with the ticket sales, if each member fields a team or finds a sponsor we should have a very successful event. We will be teeing off at 8am and at Jester Park golf course which should also be a good selling point for the event, as it is a course that people forget about and don't get to play very often. It is also a very nice course, please talk to Ed or me if you have any questions or are looking to field a team or have a sponsor.

Lastly, our major fundraiser is kicking off with the card sales and our two weekend are coming up where we get to sell at Hy-Vee. If you have not gotten your cards yet, please see Joe, if you need more cards, please see Joe. And, if you would like to volunteer at Hy-Vee or go to a club to sell, please see Joe! I believe we have a longer period to sell the cards, and we got six items on the card for the first time. My hope is for us to set a record with the number of cards we sell and the amount we raise!

I hope everyone has a great rest of their week, and I will see you Friday!

-Tim

## Donation Days



We were very happy to present Kennedy Harris with a check for her upcoming trip to Spain! Kennedy along with her mother Betty has been helpful in our Polio Plus donations at the Iowa Wolves game along with selling a lot of fund raiser cards!

*Have fun in Spain Kennedy!*

## 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:

**Tim Olejniczak**

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## Aaron Putze - Iowa Soybean Association

Aaron Putze of the Iowa Soybean Association gave a highly engaging (he brought swag!), entertaining and informative presentation on the factors affecting soybean production and consumption all around the world.



Relatively little land around the world is suitable to growing food, Iowa is blessed with having 86% of the land in the state being arable. As the world population has surged past 8 billion and continues to increase, the land growing crops needs to become more productive. In the last 50 years the world has moved from being 30% urban to 60% urban. 8 million people transition to urban areas every year. As the growing population rises economically, people have a preference to adding protein to their diets and soy is key to that in many ways - feed for hogs, poultry, egg production and aquaculture.

Trade disputes hit agriculture quickly and hard. Cost of inputs go up and market prices for the crop falls. Brazil is the largest competitor to the US in soy production. Brazil is tropical and has available land, but has very little in processing or storage capability. China is investing heavily in Brazil to secure a more reliable soy supplier.

The changing climate is also affecting Iowa growers. Between weather and plant genetics the entire soy calendar has moved up 30 days since Aaron was growing up on a farm in north central Iowa. Aaron shared an aerial photo of the farm where he lived as a boy and described some of the farming practices his father used. In the space of a single generation growing soy beans has gone from a local farmer selling his crop at a local elevator to a business where the operator has to consider: trade policy; world population growth and demographics; climate change; plant genetics; agricultural practices; and competitors and consumers half a world away.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

## Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
May 9	Jack Bell	Marv Johnson	Bill D. Corwin	Doyle Sanders
May 16	Dan Boes	Joe Kobes	Dianne Downing	Julia Taylor
May 23	Bill D. Corwin	Hannah Lyons	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

