



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

May 8, 2026

This Week's Program:

Julie Rickie

Getting Things Done
with ChatGPT

Greeter:

Brad Helgemo

Invocation:

Jack Bell

Sergeant:

Doyle Sanders

Scribe:

Leray Glendenning

Future Programs

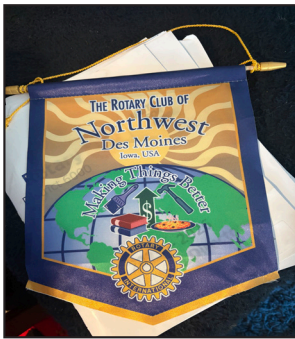
5/15: Marquas Ashworth
Central @ Sixth Business
Incubator on 6th Avenue

5/22: No Meeting
Memorial Day Weekend

5/29: Emma Bonwell
Children's Cancer Connection

Message from the President

Dianne Downing



I feel kind of badly Rotary Clubs don't exchange their flag/banners anymore. Do you know the history of our banner? I'll tell ya now.

Years ago the Club decided we needed a banner. So Lloyd Hill and I were on the creation committee. At that time we were reading to kids at Longfellow as well as helping them out. So I gathered a group of young children and asked them questions about what our Rotary Club means to them. One said, "you bring us pizza," another said "you've help us paint and build things," another youngster said "you give our school money " , one said, "you read with us every week," and finally a tiny little guy said " you just make things better!" The rest is history!



Scribbles

Andrew Allen / YSS - Ember Recovery

YSS supports at risk youth and those experiencing homelessness

YSS is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. They are Headquartered in Ames and were started by George Belitsos. Located in Central and North Iowa they have 100+ Units of supportive housing.

Faith is currently apart of the program. She started in July 2024. She has contributed to various programs. Since joining the program she has gotten her own place and job. She has gotten her education in Healthcare.

Andrew advised that he was apart of the program as well.

Various Programs include: Rooftop Garden, 6 Shipping containers used to plant, grow, package and sell leafy greens, Mental Health, One trailer and Ember Recovery Campus



Scribe, Tony Hunt



2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
- Wendi Wilson, President Elect
- Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer
- Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
- Ed Arnold, Board Member
- Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
- Tony Hunt, Board Member
- Kelly Peterson, Board Member
- 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

Joe Kobes
Birthday November

Where do you live? Des Moines, Iowa

Describe yourself in one word
Aging

What do you do for a living?
Architect

Family members
Wife Jo
Son Zachary

When Did You Join Rotary?
1986

Tell us about a good rotary experience:
NW Rotary helped sponsor my son in building 5 directional signs on the Urbandale Bike Trail, earning him the honor of Eagle Scout. Also reading to students and building playground equipment at Longfellow Elementary

What would you like to have our club accomplished this year?
Build up our Membership

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

Future Info	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
May 15	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor	Mark McAndrews
May 22	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
May 29	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Bill W. Corwin	Kelly Peterson

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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