



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

May 15, 2026

This Week's Program:

Marquas Ashworth
Central @ Sixth Business
Incubator on 6th Avenue

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

Future Programs

5/22: No Meeting
Memorial Day Weekend

5/29: Emma Bonwell
Children's Cancer Connection

Message from the President

Dianne Downing



Hi everybody. I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and a beautiful Mother's Day. Makes me miss my mom but I know she is here with me all the time. Sometimes very pleased with things I do and every now and then shaking her head!!!!

We had our first social last week at Jethros. We had a small turnout but a lively group. Even had a couple of spouses....my hubby and Joes wife Jo!

We have a board meeting this Friday after our regular meeting, if you had anything you'd like the board to discuss send it over to me. This is probably the last board meeting of my term since next month will be filled with passing the gavel to Wendi and she identifying her president elect and board.



Scribbles

Julie Rickie / Using ChapGPT

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a companion who is an expert in your life with all the knowledge of dictionary, encyclopedia and a "how-to" manual for anything and everything you have ever thought about or wanted to do in your life? This companion is now available and known as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Julie Rieke, a recent speaker at the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, has worked with and invited AI, in a program platform known as ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) to become what she calls her "personal secretary". Though there are several AI platforms available, Julie prefers ChapGPT over the others because of the features offered, one of which is voice recognition.

Freed from constraints of career in banking, Julie has found more time to travel and to engage in a variety of projects. Julie shared how her understanding of the uses for ChapGPT have increased. Her son, calling ChatGPT a "best friend", has used it to write an engineering program. She also used it to assist her husband in designing a barndominium floorplan

As a result of Julie's presentation, perhaps more of us will be more likely to discover that AI, in the words of the Rotary 4-Way test, can assist us in discovering "truth that will be fair to all concerned, that will build goodwill and better friendships and that will be beneficial to all concerned." You can start now: "ChatGPT, I would like to . . ."

Leray D. Glendenning, Scribe



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



WE PLANTED SOME TREES! Thanks to a grant from MidAmerican Energy we were able to plant 3 trees at the North Karen Acres Park on May 6th! The three types of plants were:

- *Nyssa Sylvatica "Wildfire" (Black Gum)*
- *Bur Oak*
- *Princeton American Elm*

Thanks to everyone who made this possible!



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting - Friday May 15 - after regular meeting

Ed Arnold

Birthday May

Where do you live? Urbandale

Describe yourself in one word
Involved

Family members
Wife Cecilia, Daughters Ellen & Emily and Sons in law

When Did You Join Rotary?
1988 and 2016

Tell us about a good rotary experience:
Supporting District Governor Mike Ruby in purchasing "Buffalo Bikes" for several African countries

What would you like to have our club accomplished this year?
Increase membership and club participation beyond the core group
"that does everything"

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

Future Info	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
May 22	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
May 29	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
Jun 5	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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