



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Cozy Cafe 8535 Birchwood Ct.

May 16, 2025

*This Week's Program:*

## Club Meeting

Arranged By:

The Club

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Dianne Downing

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

### 2024-25 Officers & Directors

- Tim Olejniczak, President
- Dianne Downing, 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
- Jack Bell, Past President

### Future Programs

5/23: No Meeting  
Memorial Weekend

5/30: TBA

6/6: Marquas Ashworth  
Center at Sixth

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*



I hope that everyone is having a good week so far, and that everyone had a good weekend. I hope that all of the mom's in our group had an amazing Mother's Day this last Sunday as well. At church, this Sunday they showed a great video that was a job interview asking people to work a job that has multiple requirements, double the work on holidays, no days off and has zero pay. The people being interviewed for the job were very confused and asking who would accept this job, and at the end the interviewer told them the job was a mom. As a momma's boy myself I have to say I completely agreed with the video and couldn't be more thankful for my mom and have such a high respect for all mothers out there. I truly have no idea how you do it, and to this day my mom is still one of the most important people in my life. So, one last time, thank you!

By no means are we close to a mom's level but, this weekend did also make me think of Rotary and what makes a strong Rotarian and a very strong club. To me that is willing to help a hand, go out of your way for others, and at times go the extra mile to make sure others are taken care. But, not just doing those things, but doing them and not expecting anything in return. My challenge to everyone is sometime in the next week go the extra mile or do something for someone without the expectation of receiving anything in return.

Just a few club notes. First, we have a board meeting this Thursday at cozy café and that will be taking place at noon, as always anyone is welcome to join. At the board meeting this week one of the big things we will be deciding on is the sound barrier which thank you to our club we have a good amount of the cost covered for. Second big task we will be doing is getting ready for our town hall meeting this Friday which leaves me to one of my other points and that is: If you have anything you want to make sure we cover in our town hall meeting please either reach out to me prior to the meeting or bring some questions/topics you want to make sure we cover to the meeting this Friday.

Lastly, I am going to be a broken record on this, but this upcoming weekend is our first weekend where we are selling tickets at Hy-Vee if you can help, please talk to Joe, and we will also be selling tickets on the holiday weekend as well. This is by far our biggest fundraiser for the year so if you can help, need more tickets, want to visit another club please talk to Joe or myself. I look forward to seeing

## Speaker



### *Arya Regmi - Nepal Youth Foundation*

Arya Regmi was our speaker who was not only an Iowan, but a graduate from Johnston highschool, and Iowa State University. Her parents immigrated to the US from India and Arya became involved in working with the Nepal Youth Foundation.

This foundation was started by a woman, Olga, from San Francisco who dedicated her life and energy to educate young women and help them access further education, health and personal freedom. The effort involves helping young girls and their families to break away

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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)

# Scribe Continued...

from the caste system where young girls are "sold" into marriage and have no access to education. The first step involved exchanging a pig/goat to the family freeing the young girl from an arranged marriage. By 2013 the practice of selling young girls into marriage was discontinued. Girls became trained in tailored sewing, welding, or other jobs that helped them become independent and employable. This provides the entire family was a source of income.

Transportation is a huge barrier, there are few ways to get to a town or city where educational opportunities are even possible. One example of overcoming this barrier was when the organization provided the young woman with a motorcycle for her transportation.

Over the 35 years of this program over 60,000 young women have had access to education, health and their personal freedom. The current budget to provide resources for young women is 3.5 million.

Scribe, Julia Taylor

## Upcoming Events

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**  
 Tim.olejniczak@uretireright.com



## Birthdays

May 16 Ed Arnold



## Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
May 23	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
May 30	Bill D. Corwin	Mark McAndrews	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson
Jun 6	Dianne Downing	Kelly Peterson	Bill Grask	Jack Bell

*Can't complete your assigned duty?* Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!

