



Nor'Wester

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

May 30, 2025

This Week's Program:

TBA

Arranged By:

The Club

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

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

6/6: Marquas Ashworth Center at Sixth

6/13: Tour & Lunch
Urbandale Food Pantry

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak



I hope that everyone had an amazing holiday weekend and having a great week so far! Memorial Day in my viewpoint is the official kick off to summer (I am not sure what the actual official day is), but as a kid that was always when you were getting out of school and summer was beginning. As a kid I honestly am not sure I fully understood what Memorial Day was or why people didn't have to work that day, it was just always when I no longer had homework and summer was starting. As I have gotten older Memorial Day is a holiday that I have grown such an appreciation for. As we get to enjoy our BBQs, family get together, Kicking off summer break, etc. There are people who use the holiday as a day of grieving and even though I personally don't know anyone who has lost their life in the line of duty, words cant express how thankful I am for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for us. Don't get me wrong I have nothing against a good BBQ and getting together with friends and family, but my challenge to our club and as Rotarians is: If you see someone who is serving our country: Military, Police, Firefighter, EMT, Etc. Please just tell them thank you, and if you can buy their lunch, coffee, drink, or whatever it is at the place you see them. We wouldn't be able to have our BBQs and three-day weekends if it wasn't for those who laid down their lives so we can continue to live the lives that we do.

Ok, now a few Rotary items. First, I can't believe that I am down to one month left of being president. I truly appreciate all the support that the club has given me during my time as president. I will be handing things over to Dianne on July 27th, the exact details are still being worked out, but please mark that date down! Secondly, Jack has set up a tour of Urbandale food pantry for our club on June 13th. We as that on that date you get to the food pantry at 11:45 and we will have pizza ready. Going to do a quick meeting and then get a nice tour of their facility. Thirdly, I just want to say thank you to everyone who volunteered their time over the last two weekends to sell cards at Hy-Vee for the club. We had two very strong weekends, but we need to continue to push and sell our individual tickets so that we can try and beat our profit that we had last year from the fundraiser. Since we didn't do a pickleball tournament (yes money raised was very minimal) we need to sell a few extra tickets this year to make sure we try and beat our profits between the ticket sells, and pickleball that we raised last year. Lastly, Thank you to everyone who made a generous donation to our sound barrier that we are going to be adding at the cozy café, we raised enough money where the board went ahead and gave the green light to purchase the sound barrier.

I hope that everyone has a great rest of your week, and look forward to seeing you Friday!

Speaker

Club Meeting

President Tim led a club assembly. The first report was from Ed Arnold who has led the club's Polio Plus campaign for 17 years. We raised about \$12,000 during the 2025 Wolves game and \$170,000 over the years. With the 2 for 1 match from the Gates Foundation, that is enough to vaccinate 800,000 kids.

We have been serving dinner to 60 to 70 people each night once every two months at CFUM. That is 500 people per year. We received a District Literacy grant for \$1500 which our Service Above Self Foundation matched to provide books for Urbandale

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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)

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting at Urbandale Food Pantry

Friday, June 13th at 11:45 am

Installation Meeting June 27th

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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kindergartners. We have given roughly 500 coats to Urbandale school children each for 11 years. We have given over 5000 lbs of clothes in last 2 years with our clothing drive. For as many years, we have given \$3000 in scholarships to Urbandale graduates.

We recently gave \$1200 in diabetic supplies to a cause in Africa, and \$2000 in school supplies and other needs to Urbandale students.

Trail Cleanup Project is scheduled for June 22.

We donated \$500 to Eliot Klimowski's film project. He will be showing 7 short films relating to communities improving. It's at the Varsity Theater on June 7 at 1 PM.

The selling of raffle tickets has begun. We will be selling at Hy Vee Saturday and Sunday, May 17, 18, 24, & 25. We will then purchase the sound barrier wall at the Cozy Cafe. The contractor is ready to start the project. We thank our generous donors.

Attendance at RYLA, the week long student leadership conference, was 240 before Covid. It dropped to 120, but has rebounded to about 190 this year. We will sponsor 1 Urbandale student and 1 from a school that has more applications than their local club can support.

President elect Dianne reported on plans for the next Rotary year. The installation dinner will be June 27 at Cozy Café or her cozy house. She plans to streamline club activities and consider whether everything we do is as important as something else we could be doing. One thing on the block is the Newsletter and whether that should continue. The sense of the Club members present was that we should at least delete the scribe article. Her plan is to go much more digital. Members should weigh in on ideas on how to get our "face" in the community.

Doyle Sanders, Scribe



Birthdays

May 27 Doyle Sanders

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



| | Greeter | Invocation | Sergeant | Scribe |
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| Jun 6 | Dianne Downing | Kelly Peterson | Bill Grask | Jack Bell |
| Jun 13 | Leray Glendenning | Doyle Sanders | Tony Hunt | Dan Boes |
| Jun 20 | Bill Grask | Julia Taylor | Marv Johnson | Bill D. Corwin |
| <i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute! | | | | |