



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

June 5, 2026

This Week's Program:

Jenie Smith
Rotary Exchange to Taiwan
Rotary Scholar

Greeter:

Mark McAndrews

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Bill W. Corwin

Scribe:

Kelly Peterson

Future Programs

6/12: Randy Wehofer
GM Iowa Cubs

6/19: TBA

Message from the President

Dianne Downing



I hope everyone had a great weekend. Well we had the raffle drawing last week and I'm sad to say I did not win a darn thing!!!! Actually the only name I recognized this year was Mrs Joe Kobes! I hope the winners have been notified and were exited to win. I think we did pretty well selling this year. Not quite as good as in the past but I'm sure we will make a difference to a lot of young people when they receive a coat. Again a big thank you to Joe and Justin and all the rest of you who sold or bought tickets!



I'm heading to Le Mars for a family gathering so I won't be at the meeting on Friday but you'll be in good hands! It's a surprise who will be leading the meeting!

Scribbles

Emma Bonwell / Children's Cancer Connection

Emma is development manager of Children's Cancer Connection. Her interest stems from having had a childhood friend who died of cancer. The Connection is privately supported.

It has 9 paid staff serving the entire state. Their annual budget is between 1 and 1.5 million dollars. 150 children are diagnosed with cancer in Iowa each year. That is typical of other states, even though adult cancer rates are increasing. 95% of survivors will experience chronic health issues of one sort or another for life. They are 5 to 6 times more likely to get a secondary cancer diagnosis. They also have a lot of mental health, emotional and social developmental issues throughout life.

The Connection exists to connect families and create a sense of community. It started in the 1980's as a spinoff from Amanda the Panda. They serve 830-850 families each year.

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2025-26 Officers & Directors

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Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
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Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
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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, Wakonda Club, (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

Installation Dinner
Tuesday, June 23 at Gilroy's

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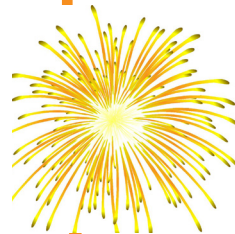
They have hospital and clinical programs with Blank, Stead and Mayo and Omaha hospitals to create hospital related educational support programs and systems. Monthly Kids Club is for both educational and fun activities. My Journey Series in hospitals has a variety of projects such as family outings enabling family connections that last a lifetime. It also honors children who have passed and provides services to their families.

Camp Heart Connection is their camping program for which they are best known. Their camps include week-long Oncology Camp serving 100 children, Family Camp, Day Camp, Sibling Camp, and Teen Camp.

They benefit from 21000 hours of volunteer time each year with tasks that include counselors, office work, many other opportunities.

Scribe, Doyle Sanders

Anniversary



Jack Bell 13 Years
Dan Boes 21 Years



Birthdays
May 16 Mark McAndrews

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jun 12	Tim Olejniczak	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell	Doyle Sanders
Jun 19	Kelly Peterson	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor
June 26	Doyle Sanders	Mark McAndrews	Justin Nickel	Wendi Wilson

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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