



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

June 19, 2026

This Week's Program:

TBA

Greeter:

Kelly Peterson

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Dan Boes

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

Future Programs

6/26: No Meeting

7/3: No Meeting

Message from the President

Dianne Downing



Here I am ready to start my next new adventure. Thank you everyone for allowing me to be your Rotary President this year. I appreciate all of the advice, help, constructive criticism and laughs that we had. We had some great speakers, fed some hungry people, bought some coats for some needy kids and again established our club as one of the most financially giving in all of the district.

I want to thank Bill Corwin the secretary treasurer who is just an invaluable member of the club. He does so much.

And thanks to a lot of you other guys that did a lot of stuff like Ed and Tim or Jack always getting the sign out to let people know where our club meets and then hauling it back in at the end of the day and Bill D for helping to arrange all of our great speakers and just everybody.



I could not have done it without all of your help. Now let's all stand together and pass the gravel to Wendi, who is gonna do just a great job as president! Again, thanks everybody.

I cannot thank you for everything. Thanks so much!



Birthdays

June 13 Jack Bell

June 14 Kelly Peterson



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

Installation Dinner
Tuesday, June 23 at Gilroy's

Scribbles

Randy Wehofer *GM Iowa cubs*



Randy Wehofer the current GM of the Iowa Cubs always had a dream to be in the baseball industry as a broadcaster ever since he was a kid growing up in the suburbs of Chicago. Randy went to college at the University of Miami in Florida where he was a student broadcaster who got to call many iconic Hurricane sporting events.

After college he moved back to Chicago and worked the graveyard shift on a local radio station and in 1999 got his first play by play gig for the Burlington Bees.

He started with the Iowa cubs in 2008 as a broadcaster, in 2017 became assistant GM and just last October took over as GM for the Iowa Cubs. For Randy it is a perfect fit since he grew up a cub's fan, but one thing that I found to be very interesting about his GM position is he has zero say in what they do with players as far as trades, calling them up or sending them down. That is all done by the Chicago cubs' staff.

He said professional baseball first started in Des Moines in 1887 and in 1969 the team became a AAA team. 1981 is when they became affiliated with the cubs and officially changed their name to the Iowa Cubs in 1982. Home plate inside of Principal Park hasn't moved since 1947, but the stadium is getting a full page both front and back of upgrades this season with one big one being the sound system.

The last thing Randy did assure us though was that even if next year there is a MLB lockup that the ICubs will still have a season!

Scribe, Tim Olejniczak

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
June 26	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 3	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 10	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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