



# Nor'Wester

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

**June 20, 2025**

*This Week's Program:*

**Micheal Admire**  
Drake University  
Athletics

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Bill Grask

Invocation:

Julia Taylor

Sergeant:

Marv Johnson

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin

## 2024-25 Officers & Directors

- Tim Olejniczak, President
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- 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

**6/27:** Installtion Meeting - TEXAS ROADHOUSE 11:45

**7/4:** No Meeting  
Happy 4th of July!

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

I hope that everyone is having a great week so far! It is crazy to think that this is my second to last (or potentially my last Prez Sez). Have to check and see if we are doing a newsletter on the day of the installation meeting. The time has sure flown by, and it has been a great year. To me the most rewarding part about being president is that it pushed me to get to know the members in the club better. I have truly enjoyed getting to know everyone better while serving as president, and I truly have appreciated every one's support over the last year. I would also like to say thank you to everyone who has helped me out over the last year and stepped in to lead a meeting when I was gone and to everyone who has helped our club find a speaker over the last year.



Few things I do want to touch on this week. First off, I would like to say thank you to Jack for setting up our meeting last week at the food pantry. I got a lot of positive feedback about our visit, and to me I really enjoyed getting to see/tour a place that we have donated money to and support. They have an amazing new facility and was really a neat experience getting to see it up close. I would like to apologize for making you all eat Lukewarm pizza, but we wanted to make sure we got the most out of the tour as possible, so I at least think it was worth it, but do want to say I am sorry for not letting you eat when it was nice and hot. But I must say Big Tomato has very good pizza!

Secondly, this is a big one! Dianne's installation lunch on June 27th is going to be at TEXAS ROADHOUSE!!! We will be starting that meeting right at noon sharp, so if you could try to arrive a few minutes early that would be greatly appreciated. But please make sure that you add it to your calendar and that it will be at Texas Roadhouse which is just right across the street from our normal meeting location. I will be sure to remind everyone at the meeting this Friday about this change as well.

Thirdly, it is crazy to think our card sales are coming to an end here soon let's try and make a big push and get all our cards sold! I am also one of the members who still needs to sell their individual tickets, but my goal is to have each person sell out of their ticket allotment. From what I have heard from Joe is we are doing good but still want a strong finish so we can try and beat last years record!

Lastly, as I have said you will get tired of me bringing this up, but golf outing is September 12th. We need sponsors and golfers; I have not talked to Ed yet but going to chat with him Thursday at the board meeting to see where we are and really start working hard on making a push to get teams and sponsors. I would love at least 10 sponsors and 20 teams which would be the most we have had in my recent memory.

I hope that everyone has a great rest of your week, and again reminder that the installation dinner on June 27th will be at TEXAS ROADHOUSE. See everyone Friday!

## Scribbles

### Urbandale Food Pantry



The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines had the privilege of touring the new Urbandale Food Pantry location at 7901 Douglas Ave, hosted by Jennifer Stanley, a dedicated volunteer who has served at the pantry for three years and contributes over 30 hours of her time each week.

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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

Installation Meeting  
**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

Friday, June 27th @ 11:45

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

**Tim Olejniczak**  
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# Scribe continued...

Jennifer guided the Rotary members through the upgraded facility, sharing how the new space enhances the pantry's ability to serve the community. The move to 7901 Douglas Ave has been described as a true blessing, expanding both capacity and efficiency. The new location features a reception area, conference rooms, offices, and soon to come computer spaces available for use. Additionally, a working room for sorting food, a warehouse for intake and storage, and a walk scale to measure food intake and rescue efforts have been added to streamline operations.

## About the Pantry

The Urbandale Food Pantry operates with a boundary-free approach, meaning that any family in need can access assistance regardless of their location. Residents can visit once per month to receive meat, milk, and eggs, serving 2,000 families per month. They also hosts a daily food room that distributes rescued and donated food that serve 25 people per day.

## How You Can Help

The pantry thrives on community support, and there are numerous ways to get involved including Volunteering in 3 hour shifts. Participate in efforts to recover and distribute rescued food. Also help assemble kits for kids in need.

## The Urbandale Food Pantry Mission

Since its founding in 2008, the Urbandale Food Pantry has been a vital part of the community, providing food assistance with dignity and compassion. The number of people served each month has steadily grown, and since expanding service to all of Polk County in 2016, monthly client numbers have doubled. The pantry operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and collaborates with organizations such as DMARC, Hunger Free Polk County, the Urbandale Ministerial Alliance, local churches, civic groups, and public officials.

Scribe, Dan Boes



# Birthdays

June 14 Kelly Peterson

# Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jun 27	Tony Hunt	Wendi Wilson	--	--
July 4	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 11	Marv Johnson	Jack Bell	Joe Kobes	Doyle Sanders
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

