



Nor'Wester

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

June 27, 2025

This Week's Program:

Installation Meeting

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Tony Hunt

Invocation:

Wendi Wilson

Sergeant:

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Scribe:

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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

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 last Prez Sez and that the year has already come to an end. I will be the first to admit that I never had any plans of being the club's president, nor did I really want to take on that responsibility. I was very uneasy about being president and felt like it was a role that just wasn't for me with where I was in my stage of life. But now that the year is over, I can say that I was wrong and I am glad that I decided to take on the role, but I wouldn't have enjoyed it if it wasn't for the people in our club and especially our board members. The amount of support I received, and when I couldn't make a meeting how quickly people were willing to help me out and lead the meeting. As I have said multiple times though truly my favorite part about being president was getting to know each one of you better. Before I took on this role, I am not sure I had a convo with some of our members even though it was a smaller club, and even after being a member for around five years I would find myself trying to figure out what a member's name was. But, thanks to being president I have gotten to know each of you better, had conversations with everyone in the club and to me that has been the most rewarding part about serving was getting to know everyone a little better!

Another thing I found out is how much work goes into running our club, as a member and even after a couple years on the board I never really paid to much attention to everything that goes on to make sure our club is up and running. We are truly blessed with some great people. From financials to polio plus, to fundraising, to getting speakers scheduled, to get grants, to get service projects lined up, and I could go on and on. But there I truly so much that goes on behind the scenes and without people who are passionate about Rotary it truly would be impossible for a club to be successful.

Couple of quick things that I wanted to recap over the last year and give a thanks to everyone who helped make these next few items possible. First and probably the biggest task that I even forget took place during my time, but that was we changed the meeting location during my presidency. I do not want to take credit for that though; I really am not sure if our club knows how much time the board spent talking about meeting locations and discussing options and then trying to find a place that would also take a group our size and at our meeting time. I am extremely happy that we landed on the cozy café, and I am very excited once the sound barriers get installed. So, to everyone who helped and put in all the time trying to find a meeting location especially once the hotel was going to start charging us a room fee thank you!! Next, we had another successful coat drive, this was my first year getting involved in the sorting of coats and delivering the coats. I would encourage you to help this year if you haven't done so before. But a huge thank you to Kelly for heading that and everyone who helped us have a very successful coat drive this year. I will go over more on Friday, but as I am sure you can tell by now my theme for this Prez Sez is thankfulness for the club and our members, and how much we were able to accomplish in thanks to everyone.

I am excited about the future with our club, and I think we have a great president who is about to take over and a very great president elect going into next year as we have said many times, we may not have a large club, but we have a very hand on and generous club. I think in today's day in age it's hard to find individual's who will not only donate their time but also their money for the betterment of others, and we are blessed to have a club that is loaded with both!

So again, thank you so much for all your support! The love and support I felt this year was amazing and extremely uplifting I am very excited to continue to be a part of and see what the future holds for our great club!

PS last reminder that the meeting this Friday is at Texas Roadhouse!! Thanks again!!

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:

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Scribbles

Micheal Admire - Drake University Athletics



Today our club got the pleasure of hearing from Micheal Admire, Director of Broadcasting, Drake University.

Micheal is long time Des Moines resident. He came to Des Moines to work for WHO TV in 2013 from Kansas. Michael and his wife Anna and they have 2 children. He shared his admiration for President Harry S. Truman, the president from his home state. The quote for the president mother on the day of his inauguration is a guiding principle of Micheal's life. That quote is "Be Good but be game".

Micheal began to run and started with Ultra Marathon's (anything over 26.2 miles is ultra). He is running his first marathon close to standard this month in Colorado. The first ultra he ran was a 50 miles race and took 11.5 hours to finish. Micheal shared he aspires to be a life long learner with some quotes related to that. He also is a story teller from his journalism background.

He worked at WHO TV for 5 years as a sports reporter. He and the team won Midwest Emmey's for some of their stores over those 5 years.

Drake also won the Missouri valley all sports championship in 2024. The first time a private school had one that in over 2 decades. Drake football season tickets are still \$ 50.00 per person for the whole season. Micheal has some new podcasts coming up Drake Spots Media podcast is not new but going strong and a new podcast 515 is on its way.

He stays busy with his work, his family, and his passions. He did a fine job telling that story to the group today.

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin

Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 4	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
July 11	Marv Johnson	Jack Bell	Joe Kobes	Leray Glendenning
July 18	Joe Kobes	Dan Boes	Mark McAndrews	Bill Grask
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				