



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

July 17, 2026

This Week's Program:

Club Assembly

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Tim Olejniczak

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Justin Nickel

Future Programs

7/24: Meeting at
St. Vincent de Paul
801 - 73rd Street
Windsor Heights

7/31: Jeanne McMillan
Daughters of the
American Revolution

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

This week, we will hold our first Club assembly, and I strongly encourage everyone to attend. During the meeting, we will brainstorm socials for club members and their families, so please bring your calendars and ideas. We will also discuss service projects—including signing up for current opportunities—and begin a strategic conversation regarding our membership.

Regarding membership, we often fail to ask, "What do you want to see in your community? What are you most passionate about?" We need to open the door for new ideas and demonstrate that Rotary is a place to solve important social issues, share intergenerational skills, and foster personal growth. Our members, especially emerging leaders, deserve a clear understanding of the value they gain from being part of this club.

Research indicates that Rotarians are most at risk of leaving within their first two years, making early engagement critical. However, we must also ensure long-term members remain satisfied as their lives evolve. Successful clubs consistently provide new ways for members to engage so they continue to find value in their experience.

When people have so many organizations and causes competing for their time, we must clearly define the unique value of Rotary. We are an ideal mix of neighbors, community leaders, and people of purpose. By fostering interaction between our newer and more experienced members, we can continue to nurture both personal and professional development for everyone.



Rotary Recipes

This year we will
be sharing Recipes!!

If you have a
favorite recipe you
would like to share...
email it to
Wendi !

Caprese Pasta Salad



Step 1

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.

Step 2

Meanwhile, whisk together vinegar, oil, and honey in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add hot pasta, tomatoes, and mozzarella balls; toss gently to coat.

Add basil and toss to combine.
Serve chilled or at room temperature.

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



2026-27 Officers & Directors

Wendi Wilson, President
Mark McAndrews, 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
Dianne Downing, 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

Reminder

Friday July 24th meeting will be at St. Vincent dePaul
Windsor Heights Location : 801 - 73rd Street

Scribbles

Shanna Sieck & Steve Dakin Mason's Light House - District Project

Former District Governor Steve Dakin introduced us to Mason's Light House, a remarkable non-profit organization dedicated to supporting medically fragile children. The project was founded by Shanna Sieck in honor of her son, Mason, who was diagnosed with Gardner's syndrome at age two and passed away in March 2021 at age seven. During his illness, Shanna realized the critical need for pediatric-specialized hospice care in Iowa, as her family had to travel out of state for support. Shanna now serves as the Executive Director of the organization.



Mason's Light House aims to bridge this gap by building a dedicated respite care and hospice facility for children aged 0-21 near Iowa City. The proposed home will provide professional nursing care, family suites, integrative therapies, and communal spaces, all offered free of charge to families in need.

Following the passage of Mason's Law (HF933), which established Iowa's first Pediatric Palliative Care Center license, the organization is now focused on property re-zoning, fundraising, and developing an endowment fund. Shanna and Steve presented these plans at the District Annual Conference held this past May, and Shanna spoke further at our Rotary meeting last Friday, July 10, 2026. For those interested in supporting this mission, please visit www.masonslighthouse.org to learn more or contact Shanna Sieck directly at Shannasieck@masonslighthouse.org or (641) 888-0814.

Wendi Wilson, Scribe

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 24	Bill W. Corwin	Kelly Peterson	Dianne Downing	Jack Bell
July 31	Jack Bell	Doyle Sanders	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes
Aug 7	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel

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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