



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

July 24, 2026

This Week's Program:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Windsor Heights : 801 - 73rd Street

Greeter:

Bill W. Corwin

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson

Sergeant:

Dianne Downing

Scribe:

Jack Bell

Future Programs

7/31: Jeanne McMillan
Daughters of the
American Revolution

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Club Assembly this past Friday! It was wonderful to see everyone, and we managed to accomplish a great deal while celebrating everything we've achieved together over the past year.

Here is a quick recap of what we discussed:

Financial Update

Bill W. shared a helpful financial overview. We're proud to share that last year, our club donated approximately \$60,000 to various causes. A significant portion of this came from the Talbott fund and was used to purchase virtual reality software for Urbandale schools to help students explore future career options.

As a friendly reminder regarding our weekly lunches, the club budgets \$20 per member, though we are currently averaging about \$22. Just a heads-up that drinks are charged separately, substitutions may have an extra cost, and a 20% tip is added to all lunch charges.

Urbandale Chamber

We've officially renewed our corporate membership with the Urbandale Chamber! I'll be sharing chamber activities at each of our meetings so you can pick and choose events you'd like to attend. This is such a fantastic way to introduce Rotary to local business leaders who are already passionate about staying involved in our community.



Rotary Recipes

This year we will be sharing Recipes!!

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



Watermelon Feta Skewers

Step 1

Assemble skewers by layering watermelon, basil, red onion, feta, and cucumber.

Place skewers onto a serving platter.

Step 2

Drizzle all over with balsamic glaze.



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

Prez Sez continued...

Committees

We established several committees at the meeting and would love for everyone to jump in and get involved. If you haven't had a chance to pick a committee yet, please let me know which of these teams sounds like the best fit for you:

- *Membership & Marketing* (Led by Ed and Wendi): We are focused on inviting Chamber members to speak and join our club, advertising in Urbandale Living magazine, and finalizing our new member packets. We're also working on a consistent onboarding process and looking into using QR codes for easier info sharing.

- *Programs* (Led by Bill, Ed, Bill, and Justin): This team manages our guest speakers. We'd love for every member to suggest program ideas, so please reach out to the committee with your thoughts!

- *Service Projects* (Led by Julia, Jack, and Justin): This group plans monthly service projects we can do together during our meetings. Please share any project ideas with them or the board.

- *Socials* (Led by Brad H.): We want to plan fun monthly activities for members and families—think Iowa Cubs games, winery visits, or backyard grill-outs. Please reach out to Brad H. or me if you'd like to help plan an outing!

Thank you all for your heart and continued commitment to service above self.

Community Uplift!



NW Rotary was excited to present former Drake Basketball

Alum Jeff Hill a check so that he can continue

to provide a free basketball camp every summer for kids in the inner city of Des Moines.

Thanks Jeff for uplifting the community!

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 31	Jack Bell	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes
Aug 7	Dan Boes	Doyle Sanders	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel
Aug 14	Brad Helgemo	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews	Jeff Bremer

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:

Wendi Wilson

wwilsonod@gmail.com

