



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

August 7, 2026

This Week's Program:

Shelby Chavez-Chen
Clive Community
Services

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Doyle Sanders

Sergeant:

Tony Hunt

Scribe:

Jack Bell

Future Programs

8/14: TBA

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

August is Rotary Membership Month, a time to recognize our collective contributions, engage with prospective members, and extend our gratitude to the sponsors, donors, and local businesses who have partnered with us over the past year.

While preparing for President-Elect Training, I explored the resources available on My.Rotary.org. I was truly impressed by the wealth of tools now available to our clubs, members, and the broader community. Rotary has clearly invested significant effort into ensuring our clubs and districts remain vibrant and effective, both today and in the future.

The Learning Center offers comprehensive courses on leadership, the Rotary Foundation, and much more. The platform provides essential resources that help us avoid "reinventing the wheel," offering everything from templates for brochures and publicity to links for official Rotary gear.

As we focus on growing our club this year, I encourage everyone to explore these resources. When we are well-informed, it is much easier to share the value of our organization with others and connect with those who share our commitment to creating a lasting impact.



Rotary Recipes

This year we will
be sharing Recipes!!

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

Strawberry Limeade



Ingredients: 1/2 cup lime juice, 1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup water, 1/2 lb sliced strawberries
20-30 mint leaves, 2 cups cold water

To make the simple syrup, combine the sugar and water in a saucepan, and cook over medium high heat for 5-10 minutes until the sugar is dissolved and the liquid is clear.

In a large mason jar or a pitcher, combine the lime juice, simple syrup, strawberries, mint, and water. Let sit in the refrigerator for 2-3 hours.

Serve and enjoy!



2026-27 Officers & Directors

Wendi Wilson, President
 Mark McAndrews, President Elect
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 Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
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 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

Chamber of Commerce BASH Event

Tuesday, August 11 @ Truth Family Chiropractic

Board Meeting August 20 at 11:45 am

Scribbles

Jeanne McMillan Daughters of the American



Membership in DAR is based on documented lineage. Applicants must prove direct descent from a patriot who supported the American cause during the Revolutionary War. Jeanne shared that she has documented her ancestry through four Revolutionary War patriots, including one who served alongside General George Washington. She explained that the process requires extensive genealogical research and carefully sourced historical records spanning multiple generations.

Jeanne currently serves as Iowa State Chair for Service to Veterans and also holds a national leadership role as Chair of the American Flag Committee. Her commitment to veterans is reflected in her volunteer work at the VA Medical Center, where she assists patients, stocks the library, and helps provide refreshments. One of her current projects is establishing a flag retirement collection station at the VA so worn American flags can be retired. She also highlighted efforts to make patriotic symbols more accessible.. A recent initiative approved in 2026 is bringing Braille American flags to national parks and locations throughout the National Mall.

With the United States celebrating its 250th anniversary, DAR is actively involved in commemorative activities. Jeanne explained that the observance extends beyond 1776 and continues through 1783, concluding with "Evacuation Day," when British forces departed New York after the Revolutionary War. She is currently helping develop a commemorative DAR pin recognizing this important milestone in American history.

Jeanne also shared information about DAR's presence in Iowa. Local members participate through chapters including Abigail Adams and Jean Marie Cardinell in Des Moines and Camp Dodge in Ankeny. These chapters continue DAR's mission through educational programs, historic preservation efforts, support for veterans, and community service projects.

Scribe, Dan Boes

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Aug 14	Brad Helgemo	Jack Bell	Mark McAndrews	Jeff Bremer
Aug 21	Bill D. Corwin	Dan Boes	Tim Olejniczak	Brad Helgemo
Aug 28	Dianne Downing	Justin Nickel	Kelly Peterson	Jack Bell

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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