



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

**August 8, 2025**

*This Week's Program:*

**Norlan Hinke**  
District Governor

*Arranged By:*  
Dianne Downing

Greeter:

Kelly Peterson

Invocation:

Bill Grask

Sergeant:

Doyle Sanders

Scribe:

Joe Kobes

*Future Programs*

**8/15:** Joe Stevens  
Joppa Tour

**8/22:** TBA

**8/29: No Meeting**  
Labor Day Weekend

## Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I hope everyone had a good weekend. Wasn't the weather great? I took to heart some of Jerry Holub's gardening advice and got out in my garden. I bought a bunch of fertilizer and some bug stuff and put it on my plants. They are looking awfully good!

Excited for DG Norlan Hinke's visit this Friday. I'm assuming the Board and I will meet with him earlier but I've not received confirmation of that.

I want to let him know about some of my goals for the Club this year. They include maintaining our membership and recruiting some new members, continue our service projects and our foundation contributions. I want to increase awareness of the club by increasing our publicity/public relations efforts. We may be small but we're mighty!! Please be active in the meeting with the District Governor and share your thoughts!



*District Governor*  
*Norlan Hinke &*  
*Wife Cindy Hinke*

### NW Rotary 2025 - 2026 Goals

- Maintain Membership
- Increase Recruitment Efforts
- Club Awareness
- Continued Projects Success
- Increase Foundation Contributions



### 2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
- Wendi Wilson, 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
- Tim Olejniczak, 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

Golf Outing Friday, September 12th

## Scribbles

### Jerry Holub Holub Greenhouse



Jerry Holub of Holub Greenhouses presented a very interesting and educational program at a sparsely attended meeting. We understood that those who were absent had legitimate priorities to justify their absence.

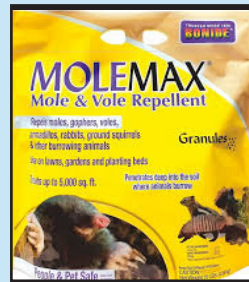
Major points of interest were as follows: Jerry acquired this business from his father 54 years ago.....who originally founded the business in 1926.

Jerry showcased and demonstrated products available to control insects, gauge water depth in plants, an amazing mosquito repellent plant that emits citronella and a very selective crab grass killer.

His greenhouse business metrics were interesting on what sells and what sells less. Sales are up with Basil, perennials and vegetables, especially tomatoes.....and sales of salvia and petunias are down. Since Covid people are more committed to growing their own food.

And of much interest and humor.....if you want to drive the rabbits, moles and squintees(sp?) from your yard to the yard of your neighbor use Mole Max and be ready for the hostility that will come your way.

Scribe, Marv Johnson



### Future Info

### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Aug 15	Doyle Sanders	Tony Hunt	Julia Taylor	Mark McAndrews
Aug 22	Julia Taylor	Marv Johnson	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
Aug 29	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting

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:

**Dianne Downing**

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