



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

August 15, 2025

This Week's Program:

Joe Stevens

Joppa Tour

Arranged By:
Jack Bell

Greeter:

Doyle Sanders

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

Future Programs

8/22: TBA

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

Message from the President

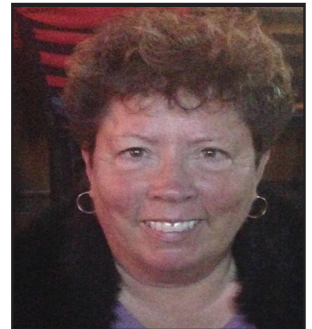
Dianne Downing

I want to thank all the members that attended last Friday's meeting with the District Governor Norlan Hinke and his lovely wife Cindy. We had a great turnout and everyone contributed. The Gov had some really nice things to say about our club. Again, we may be small but we're mighty!

Of all the things he talked about for Rotary, the ones that really stood out for me was about how the fellowship and friendships are formed and last for a life time.

As you can see from the picture I am lucky enough to be friends with Mark and Mary Frances McAndrews . So much so, I was lucky enough to attend their wedding (please fill in the blank Mark) ??? Years ago.

So let's continue all the good service we do as Rotarians and cultivate lasting relationships!



Location Change

For This Friday!

Joppa Tour

2326 Euclid Ave (just off MLK).

Plenty of parking in lot in front of building.

Lunch at 11:45, short program & tour from 12:15

If anyone would like to donate clothing for Joppa's Thriftmart (next door) I'm sure they would appreciate it.



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

Scribbles

District Governor Norlan Hinke

On Friday our club hosted District Governor Norlan Hinke and his wife Cindy. Governor Hinke stated each club has a different culture and our club has one of the richest cultures. The Governor greatly enjoys visiting our club because of this unique culture. During his tenure he plans on focusing on district wide membership growth. His goal is to increase our 2,990 members by 1%. In the past two years Rotary International has grown by 1.2 million members but we also lost 1.2 million members. A new idea clubs have been experimenting with is expanding to two different meeting times for convenience of some members who cannot make a set time once a week. We must recruit younger members. Currently 60% of the district's membership is 60 years old or older. The Golden Circle growth in our area offers a great advantage for membership growth. The Governor reminded us that "persistence and patience" must be exercised if we are to grow.

Upcoming Events

Golf Outing Friday, September 12th

Governor Hinke informed us giving to the Foundation is up and The Rotary Club of NW Des Moines is number one in giving per member. He then introduced the person who is most responsible for this growth, none other than our very own, Doyle Sanders. Doyle explained the many opportunities for individual giving and recognition from being a Sustaining Member to Major Donor. He also explained Club Recognition opportunities. The Rotary Foundation for 16 years in a row has earned a four-star rating achievable when 90% of all donations go straight to supporting service projects with only 10% dedicate to administration costs. Whereas, in most service clubs, 15% or more goes to supporting administration costs.

Next, Governor Hinke called upon Ed Arnold to discuss the challenges of eliminating polio worldwide. Four years ago, new cases of polio reported an all-time low of 4. Last year there were 94. This year, to date, there are 40 new cases. The biggest challenges are elimination of the source / virus plus finding volunteers to administer the drug in countries like Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our Governor has three main goals during his tenure: 1.) Increase membership 2.) Each club plants a minimum of one tree per member to enhance our environment and 3.) Every club conducts at least one mental health program within their community or local school.

Governor Hinke closed with a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt: "Believe you can and your halfway there."



Scribe. Joe Kobes

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
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Aug 22	Julia Taylor	Marv Johnson	Wendi Wilson	Tim Olejniczak
Aug 29	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Sep 5	Wendi Wilson	Joe Kobes	Bill W. Corwin	Kelly Peterson

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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Future Info

