



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

August 21, 2026

This Week's Program:

Adelyn Koch
ISU Pre Vet Student

Arranged by: Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Dan Boes

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Brad Helgemo

Future Programs

8/28: Alex Rice
DSM Street Collective

9/4: NO MEETING
Happy Labor Day

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

Please bring a stash of plastic grocery bags to our meeting this Friday. I am collecting them for the Urbandale Food Pantry, which is consistently short on bags.



The pantry serves an average of 4,993 people each month. It has been closed for the last two weeks for parking lot resurfacing and expansion, and it will reopen on Monday, August 24th. They will likely be incredibly busy upon reopening, so our donation will be very timely.

I will continue to share requests for other needed items in this space, so please keep an eye out for future updates. Additionally, please note that the LifeServe Blood Center is currently facing critically low supplies for several blood types and needs donations.



Wendi W's PIG SHOTS



Ingredients: Smoked sausage, Thick-cut bacon
Cream cheese, Sour cream, Jalapeno,
Sharp cheddar cheese, Slap Ya Mama
BBQ sauce, Honey, Brown sugar, Jalapenos

Preheat the oven to 375°. In a small bowl, mix BBQ sauce, honey and brown sugar together.

Set aside. Cut bacon in half and wrap each piece of smoked sausage with a strip of bacon. Place into a muffin pan or use a toothpick to hold together and place on a baking sheet.

Then mix cream cheese, sour cream, diced jalapeno, sharp cheddar cheese and seasoning together until combined. Add mixture to a quart size baggie and clip the corner. Squeeze cheese mixture onto the top of each sausage. Add a sliced jalapeno on top & brush each pig shot with the honey BBQ mixture. Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes or until the bacon is crispy.



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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

CFUM

Monday, August 24

Scribbles

RYLA Students



The students we sponsored to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards gave the club an

overview of their experiences at RYLA. RYLA was held on the campus of Grinnell College from July 26th - 31st. Rylee Berry, Kelly Damian-Garcia and George McAndrews shared some of the lessons they learned at RYLA. Each described some aspect of the week that challenged them, and then expanded on the lesson that came from the activity. Rylee described frustration in fruitlessly attempting one activity until realizing the lesson was leaders need to ask for help in some situations. Kelly described another activity that challenged conferees to communicate clearly and stay focused under pressure. George mentioned learning more about differing leadership styles and how each person's strengths and preferences influence how they lead and how they perceive other teammates.

All three shared the importance of authenticity as leaders. Learning more about their own personal leadership styles and how they may be perceived by others helps them to be more effective leaders. The ability to practice leadership and learn through experiences rather than just academic activities really helped to cement the lessons of RYLA.

They had a wonderful week and expressed their gratitude to the club for sponsoring them. They plan to use the lessons of RYLA to better lead all the organizations they are involved with.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Aug 28	Dianne Downing	Justin Nickel	Kelly Peterson	Jack Bell
Sep 4	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Sep 11	Leray Glendenning	Jeff Bremer	Doyle Sanders	Dan Boes

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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