



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

August 22, 2025

This Week's Program:

Steve Britton
Cozy Cafe

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Marv Johnson

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Tim Olejniczak

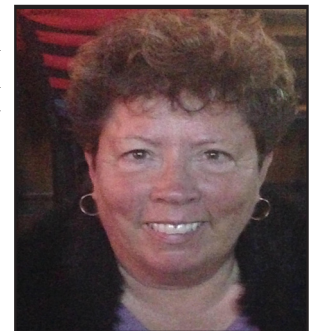
Future Programs

8/29: No Meeting
Labor Day Weekend

Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I hope everybody's a good weekend and less stressful than mine! Saturday afternoon David and I were in our sunroom watching the 4:00 news when I went to the kitchen to get something. What I found was pools of blood everywhere! Then I found my dog Lucy in her bed, her bottom half covered in blood. We rushed her to Blue Pearl vet emergency room. I sat in the waiting room and cried thinking she was dying. The doc took us in the exam room and said she was fine. Somehow lost the tip of her tail! I have no idea how! He stitched her tail, put a cone on her head and \$600 later we were on the way home!



Thanks Kelly for attending seminar on keeping and recruiting members. We met and the info she got was great. We'll share with members soon. And thanks Jack for arranging JOPPA tour. Very interesting!





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

Upcoming Events

Golf Outing Friday, September 12th

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

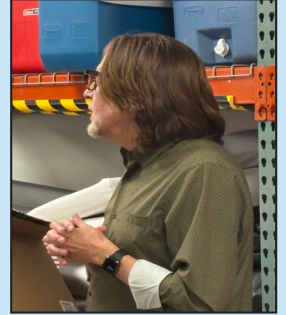
- Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
- Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
- Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)
- Rotary Club of HOPE, First & Third Thursday of Month (5:30 pm - Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Friday

- Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club, (7:00 am)

Scribbles

Joe Stevens Joppa Tour



Joe Stevens hosted our club meeting at Joppa headquarters on Euclid Avenue. The meeting opened with a brief video from the Joppa website (joppa.org) demonstrating some of the nuances and complexities of homelessness as portrayed by a former client / current volunteer. Mathew's story highlighted numerous aspects of Joppa's mission. Joppa has helped over 750 people transition from homelessness into stable housing over their existence. They also provide crucial support helping homeless people survive as they work to better their lives. Joppa helps connect clients to resources that already exist, and fills in the gaps when they can — access to computers / e-mail; a permanent mail address (with delivery on their routes); personal hygiene items; clothing; a warm meal.....

Joppa generates some of the financial support needed to operate their programs by running a thrift store dealing in clothing and household goods. We toured the store and their behind the scenes operations. You can support the store by both shopping their and making donations to the store.

Another avenue Joppa is pursuing is constructing a tiny home village on the south side of Des Moines. This is patterned on Community First! Village in Austin, Texas. Alan Graham, founder of Community First! Village, will be the guest speaker at the Joppa annual gala in November. You can learn more about this endeavor and support Joppa by attending or sponsoring a table at the gala.

Finally, Joppa does a tremendous job of educating and advocating on issues relating to homelessness. Their web site is an outstanding resource to learn about what they do as well as become more informed on the issues facing our community.

Mark McAndrews, Scribe

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
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Aug 29	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Sep 5	Wendi Wilson	Joe Kobes	Bill W. Corwin	Kelly Peterson
Sep 12	Bill W. Corwin	Mark McAndrews	Jack Bell	Doyle Sanders

Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist by finding your substitute!

Future Info



Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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