



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

August 28, 2026

This Week's Program:

Alex Rice
DSM Street Collective

Arranged by: Bill D. Corwin

Greeter:

Dianne Downing

Invocation:

Justin Nickel

Sergeant:

Kelly Peterson

Scribe:

Jack Bell

Future Programs

9/4: NO MEETING
Happy Labor Day

9/11: Aimee McDonald
Dorothy's House

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

Every week, we gather in this room as individuals, but we leave as a collective force for good. It is easy to look at the world's challenges and feel small, yet Rotary reminds us that meaningful change never begins with grand gestures—it starts with a single decision to show up, serve, and care.



Our motto, Service Above Self, is more than a tradition; it is a daily action. Every handshake, every hour volunteered, and every idea shared in our club ripples outward, impacting lives in ways we may never fully see.

Thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and your heart. Let us carry this momentum into the coming week, seeking out small opportunities to make a big difference.

We are also looking to welcome a few new members. Please consider inviting a friend, colleague, neighbor, insurance agent, or small business owner to an upcoming meeting. Please take a look at our scheduled speakers and start inviting new people! We should have brochures done in the next few weeks and will have them at club meetings for you to hand out.

Wendi

Rich Pasta for Poor Kitchen



Ingredients: 1 (8 ounce) package dry spaghetti,
8 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons minced garlic,
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley, salt and
freshly ground black pepper to taste,
1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste (optional)
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes; drain. Meanwhile, heat a skillet over medium-low heat. Melt butter with garlic very slowly to avoid burning the garlic. Season with parsley, salt, black pepper, and cayenne. Add cooked pasta to the skillet and toss until well coated with butter. Increase the heat to medium and cook until pasta is heated through and has absorbed some of the butter. Adjust seasonings if necessary. Then serve with parmesan cheese.



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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

To be
 Announced!

Scribbles

Adelyn Koch
ISU Pre Vet Student



Addy Koch gave the club a fascinating presentation on her summer of caring for and working with both common and exotic animals all around the world. First stop on her adventure was Costa Rica where her team capture, measured and tagged endangered sea turtles. They also ran a spay/neuter clinic for dogs, worked on mangrove restoration. The team worked with toucan rescue to rehabilitate illegal pets, birds with wire wounds, sloths, armadillos & orphaned birds.

Thailand was the next stop. The Elephant Nature Park is a rescue/rehab center for elephants who were used in street begging, circuses, elephant rides and logging. During this leg Addy became certified in SCUBA diving and studied coral reefs, various marine species and how local communities use forests and reefs.

The final leg of the excursion was South Africa where they studied conservation and breeding programs for endangered animals.

Addy's thumbnail lessons from the summer include: Costa Rica: Resources are everything; Mother nature always wins. Thailand: Context and culture matter; doing the right thing for the animal isn't always clear cut. Learn all sides of an issue before forming an opinion; conservation is inherently controversial; even in veterinary medicine.

These life lessons, learned through hands on experience, are more than many students will embrace over several years. Addy's information packed presentation gave us all a lot to consider as we encounter issues revolving around conservation and wildlife welfare.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Sep 4	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Sep 11	Leray Glendenning	Jeff Bremer	Doyle Sanders	Dan Boes
Sep 18	Tony Hunt	Brad Helgemo	Julia Taylor	Justin Nickel

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

Items for the
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 should be submitted
 by end of the day
 each Monday.
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