



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 5, 2025

This Week's Program:

Matt Strawn

Iowa Lottery

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Wendi Wilson

Invocation:

Joe Kobes

Sergeant:

Bill W. Corwin

Scribe:

Kelly Peterson

Future Programs

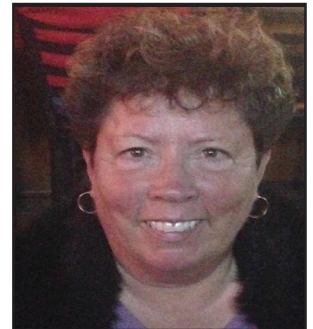
9/12: TBA

9/19: Tyler Kamerman
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Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I hope everybody had a wonderful long weekend. It seemed kind of strange when Friday noon came and left with no Rotary meeting but it was a wonderful weekend. As I was out in our backyard this weekend, picking up branches and racking leaves, some thing District Governor said popped in my head. He said he'd like to see every club plant a tree. I think it's a great idea but I need your help. I know where to buy a tree but I have no idea what kind of tree, when is the best time is to plant it and where do we plant it? So that's where your help comes in. Let's talk about it Friday. And we'll have a "social" planting the tree and all get together afterwards for some fun and appetizers.



BENEFITS of Planting Trees



Reducing Climate Change
Improving Air Quality
Conserving Water Resources
Enhancing Bio Diversity
Reinforcing Soil
and it's Fun!



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

Let's Plant a Tree!

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

Steve Britton
Cozy Cafe



Steve the owner of the cozy café was destined to be in the restaurant industry due to his parents owning a restaurant and him being around it his whole life.

He moved from Florida to Iowa due to an opportunity with the Machine Shed. After that didn't work out, he started to manage the Cozy Café's across Iowa that started to pop up like crazy. Around 13 years ago he found out from a customer that the Cozy Café that we meet at was going to be for sale. He then picked up his phone and called his boss to see if this was true. When he found out that the restaurant was indeed for sale, he decided to pull the trigger and make the purchase. Steve's biggest hurdle by far was Covid, and not knowing what was going to happen to the restaurant industry when they were forced to closed. As far as success goes though, Steve contributes that to his staff where he has two people who have been with him from the start and many others who have been there for 7 plus years.

When Steve comes into the restaurant he tries and spends his first 30-40 minutes talking to his staff to see how they are doing and if there is anything that he can be doing for them.

As far as inflation goes in the restaurant industry Steve was forced to do just his 3rd price hike in 13 years after spending time every week looking at his top 20 menu items sold, and the cost to make those items.

If you are in Bondurant, be sure to stop at Steve's new restaurant that he opened in the local grocery store!

Scribe, Tim Olejniczak

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
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Sep 12	Bill W. Corwin	Mark McAndrews	Jack Bell	Doyle Sanders
Sep 19	Jack Bell	Tim Olejniczak	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor
Sep 26	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Bill D. Corwin	Wendi Wilson

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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