



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 11, 2026

This Week's Program:

Aimee McDonald
Dorothy's House

Arranged by: Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

Jeff Bremer

Sergeant:

Doyle Sanders

Scribe:

Dan Boes

Future Programs

9/18: Tom Rickie
Hot Air Balloon Pilot
Indianola Balloon Festival

9/25: Tiffany Spinner
Child Serve

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

I hope everyone has had a nice break over the long weekend! I did a little bit of work, but most importantly, I got to spend the day with my new grandson! I've shamelessly included his picture for the newsletter this week because, frankly, he is way cuter than I am!



It's easy to treat our meetings as a routine part of our week. The problem is that we are the best-kept secret in town. We have something incredibly rare each week: a place filled with people who genuinely care about our community and a network that turns good intentions into real-world, lasting impact.

Rotary is a gift, and gifts are meant to be shared. Whether you're still working or retired, if you know someone looking for purpose and community, don't keep Rotary a secret. Bring them as your guest next week. Let's open the doors wider and grow our impact together!

Best,
Wendi

Cheesy Mashed Potatoes



Ingredients: 6 large potatoes peeled & quartered
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 large egg
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Additional shredded cheddar cheese, optional

Place potatoes in a large saucepan; cover with water. Cover and bring to a boil. Cook for 20-25 minutes or until very tender; drain well.

In a bowl, mash potatoes. Add cream cheese, cheddar cheese, sour cream, onion, egg, salt and pepper; beat until fluffy. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with additional cheese if desired.

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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

Sept 17: Social - Music in the Junction (Beverage garden opens at 5:00 PM;
Music from 6:00-8:30 PM) at the Valley Junction Farmers Market

Sept 17: Board Meeting at 11:45 AM at Cozy Cafe

Scribbles

Alex Rice DSM Street Collective



NW Des Moines Rotary Club welcomed Alex Rice of the DSM Street Collective, formerly the Bicycle Collective, for an update on the organization's expanding mission to make Des Moines an exceptional place to bike, walk, and use public transportation. They focus on education, advocacy, and community safety.

Rice highlighted the community bicycle shop, which refurbishes donated bikes and operates on a "buy one, give one" model. Last year, the Collective gave away 500 bikes, supported by volunteers and partners such as Prairie Meadows. The shop also offers a work-to-earn program for riders of all ages.

The Collective also teaches bike safety to children, and each participant receives a free helmet upon completion of the program. Its Bike Share and e-bike share programs make short-trip cycling accessible while also raising funds for the Collective. In addition, the organization supports the city through bike rack installations, event bike valet services, and advocacy efforts for biking, walking, and public transit.

How to Support

You can support the DSM Street Collective by using its services, volunteering at the shop or safety classes, donating funds or Wishlist items, or attending Bike Night at the Beer Garden at Water Works Park on Tuesday, Sept. 1, where 100% of the proceeds benefit the Collective. In addition, shop in-store or online at the Street Collective's retail location at 506 E. 6th Street, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309, or visit DSM Street Collective.

Scribe, Dan Boes

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Sep 18	Tony Hunt	Brad Helgemo	Julia Taylor	Justin Nickel
Sep 25	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Bill W. Corwin	Jeff Bremer
Oct 2	Tim Olejniczak	Dianne Downing	Jack Bell	Brad Helgemo

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.
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