



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 18, 2026

This Week's Program:

Tom Rickie
Hot Air Ballon Pilot
Idianola Balloon
Festival

Greeter:

Tony Hunt

Invocation:

Brad Helgemo

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Justin Nickel

Future Programs

9/25: Tiffany Spinner
Child Serve

10/2: Urbandale Police Chief
Rob Johansen &
City Manager David Jones
New Police Station Project

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

Impact starts with our members—people like us who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. September is Membership Month for Rotary International. Within 16 years of Rotary's founding, clubs had been established across six continents.



Think back to your first Rotary meeting. Someone invited you. Someone saw your passion, your business acumen, or your heart for service and said, "You belong here."

This week, ask yourself: Who in your professional circle is waiting for that exact invitation? Bringing a guest to our next meeting isn't about hitting club quotas; it's about giving a local leader the platform they need to change the world. Who can you invite this week?

At Northwest Des Moines Rotary, we strive to make a difference every month. This month, we are collecting personal hygiene items for underserved youth in Des Moines Schools. Please bring a new personal hygiene item to this Friday's meeting. I will collect the donations and deliver them the following week.

Thank you for your continued service to our community!

Best,
Wendi

Layered Cheese & Fig Dip



Ingredients: Spreadable Cheese

Fig spread/jam

Hot honey

Chopped Pistachios

1. Spread the spreadable cheese in an oven safe dish.
2. Layer the fig spread/jam on top of the cheese.
3. Drizzle hot honey over the fig spread.
4. Sprinkle chopped pistachios on top.
5. Heat in the oven for 5 minutes at 400F.
6. Cut a baguette and toast it for 5 minutes at 400F.



2026-27 Officers & Directors

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 Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
 Tony Hunt, Board Member
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 Dianne Downing, Past President

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: Board Meeting
 at 11:45 AM at Cozy Cafe

Scribbles

Aimee McDonald Dorothy's House



Friday, Amiee McDonald, the Executive Director of Dorothy's House, visited us and gave us an update of all the wonderful work being done under her leadership. Dorothy's House and many Rotary clubs in the district have very strong ties, both from Rotary's support and the mutual vision of a world without human trafficking, and our mutual support for CIVITAS.

She spent most the time discussing the enhancements made to the Crisis Services program from January of 2025. What began as a program serving around 25 women was augmented to support over 50 women at any time. The first part of this program is Recovery, which is a 4-9-month timeframe. Women enter this initial phase with a goal of treatment and/or the chance to figure out what comes next. Life skills, book clubs, movement, financial literacy and other programs offer women the chance to take those first steps.

Phase 2 allows for individuals to work with organizations that Dorothy's House collaborates with including St Vincent de Paul's (we know them well!), DMACC, Dress for Success and more. Additionally, survivors have the option of moving to transitional housing, which is subsidized on an ascending scale, depending upon several factors.

Amiee noted ways that Rotarians (and others) have, and can continue to provide support by describing volunteer opportunities, having supply drives, providing furnishings, sponsoring a room in the new facility and participating in and promoting their upcoming Pickleball for a Purpose event on September 26.

This is yet another example of how our club collaborates with others to truly Create Lasting Impact.

Scribe, Jack Bell

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Sep 25	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Bill W. Corwin	Jeff Bremer
Oct 2	Tim Olejniczak	Dianne Downing	Jack Bell	Brad Helgemo
Oct 9	Doyle Sanders	Leroy Glendenning	Dan Boes	Bill D. Corwin

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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