



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 12, 2025

This Week's Program:

Tyler Kamerman
Many Hands Thrift

Arranged By:
Jack Bell

Greeter:

Jack Bell

Invocation:

Tim Olejniczak

Sergeant:

Dan Boes

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

Future Programs

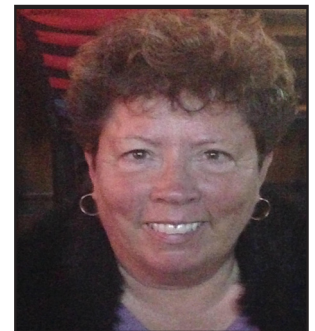
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Message from the President

Dianne Downing

I've lived in Iowa all of my life except for a short time in St. Paul. I found these facts interesting except they left out the fact that my hometown LeMars is the ice cream capitol of the world!!

1. Iowa, also known as the Hawkeye State, became the nation's 29th state in 1846.
2. Iowa has the most pigs of any state and is the nation's top pork producer. As of Sept. 1, 2018, Iowa's farms were home to 23.6 million of the country's 75.5 million pigs
3. Iowa, which voted for President Donald Trump in the 2016 election, has opened the presidential primary process with its caucuses
4. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "the Big Bopper" Richardson, three major names in rock 'n' roll, died when their plane crashed in a field near Clear Lake, Iowa, during a tour. It's known as "the day the music died."
5. The Red Delicious apple, also known as the "Hawkeye," was first grown in Iowa in 1856.
6. Iowa is the only state with navigable rivers (the Missouri and the Mississippi) defining its borders. Carter Lake, home to nearly 3,500 people, is an Iowa town that lies on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River, meaning that it's only accessible via Nebraska.
7. The well-known Iowa State Fair was first held in 1854, and it now attracts more than 1 million people each year. Since 1911, the fair has included a cow sculpture made of approximately 600 pounds of butter, which could butter more than 19,000 slices of toast.
8. More than 85% of Iowa's land is used for agriculture. The state has 11,000 different soils and has the third-highest number of farms in the U.S.
9. Iowa produces more corn than any other state, with farmers harvesting 12.8 million acres of corn in 2018.
10. Gabby Douglas, the first African-American Olympic all-around champion in gymnastics, trained in West Des Moines for two years before competing in the 2012 Summer Olympics. Her coach, Liang Chow, became known for his Chow's Gymnastics and Dance Institute, where other well-known gymnasts such as Olympian Shawn Johnson also trained.





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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

Ten Haker School Resource Officer

Sept. 12th meeting was School Resource Officer, Collin Ten Haker.

He was originally a West Des Moines student, completed NW at Orange City in Law Enforcement, and completed the police academy and received his patrol duties at Urbandale Police Department. All "new" recruits go thru a series of Field training, then start driving patrol, night shift duty, shadowing, after completing those and meeting with Chief of Police are then hired. Collin worked 4 1/2 years on patrol duties (day/ night/ and what they call panama schedule), and was hired into Community Relations and taught the middle school students a class " Culture and Integrity". The school class involves teaching about harassment/ bullying/ personal safety and positive/negative peer pressure, vaping the gateway to no where, social media thegood/ ugly issues around explicit photos and harm to others.

He also teaches about driver's permits, ticketing, distracted driving, OWI, and involves UHS students as mentors to meet with the younger students.

School Resource officers take 40 hours of additional training in school law/ and skills in working within the schools.

Collin also talked about the Urbandale police having two very skilled crisis intervention and mental health professionals that ride along/ or can be called on by officers. He commented on how much he learns from those professionals.

When asked about how he deals with daily frustrations, he discussed his faith and church programs that he is involved with that bring him joy along with his wife and two young children.

Scribe, Julia Taylor

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Sep 26	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Bill D. Corwin	Wendi Wilson
Oct 3	Bill D. Corwin	Doyle Sanders	Tim Olejniczak	Jack Bell
Oct 10	Leray Glendenning	Julia Taylor	Kelly Peterson	Dan Boes

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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