



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

September 26, 2025

This Week's Program:

**John Easter
Back From Africa**

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson

Sergeant:

Bill D. Corwin

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

Future Programs

10/3: TBA

10/10: Andrew Batt
Iowa Public Television

Message from the President

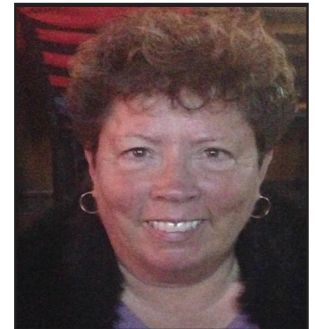
Dianne Downing

Today (Monday) is the first day of fall. I'm really looking forward to a nice long fall and a really hard winter freeze. My allergies have been soooo bad this year. But I really like season changes.

With that being said I'm so proud again that our club will be buying coats for Urbandale kids. Last year when we were at a school delivering coats a little boy came up to me and asked is he could have a green one. I found a green coat in his size, he smiled and said "thank you lady." Made my day.

So thanks to Joe and his efforts with raffle tickets, everybody that sold and bought tickets and Kelly for organizing the ordering and organizing of the coats. (And anybody else I may have forgotten).

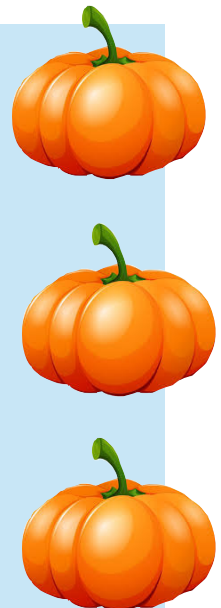
When the coats come in this year, we can meet at Tim's office to organize them. It'll be a great volunteer experience. Kelly or I will let you know when all the will happen and I'll even bring donuts!



Enjoy THE *little* THINGS,
FOR ONE DAY YOU MAY LOOK BACK
AND REALIZE THEY WERE THE *big* THINGS.

Autumn

Pumpkins in the cornfields,
Gold among the brown,
Leaves of rust and scarlet
Trembling slowly down;
Birds that travel southward,
Lovely time to play;
Nothing is as pleasant
As an autumn day!





2025-26 Officers & Directors

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- Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
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- Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
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- 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

Tyler Kamerman
Many Hands Thrift



Tyler is the development officer for Many Hands Thrift. Their mission is to transform people together through Christ in a loving world. Their work focuses on community rather than individuals.

The strategy is to build a pyramid of support for people from the ground up with the goal of breaking the chains of generational poverty through education, safe structure and agriculture in Haiti and Bahamas. They focus on relationships and teaching agriculture on the theory that when the individual is transformed, the family is transformed for generations to come.

In the Bahamas, they have 5 campuses in Abaco province. In Haiti, they outside of Porto Prince where the gangs control, and it is relatively safe. All the sites are different in their own way.

One way to support Many Hands Thrift is to participate in one of their impact trips to see how they transform the communities. A second way is to donate your stuff to one of their thrift stores in Grimes, Clive, Merle Hay Mall, or Indianola. They are open 7 days a week but only on Tuesday through Saturday for donations. Check them out at ManyHandsThrift.com. A third way is to volunteer. You can do that just by showing up. You don't have to have to schedule ahead unless you are a group. A fourth way is to contribute.

Scribe, Doyle Sanders

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 3	Bill D. Corwin	Doyle Sanders	Tim Olejniczak	Jack Bell
Oct 10	Leray Glendenning	Julia Taylor	Kelly Peterson	Dan Boes
Oct 17	Bill Grask	Wendi Wilson	Doyle Sanders	Bill D. Corwin

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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