



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

October 2, 2026

This Week's Program:

**Police Chief Rob Johsen &
City Manager David Jones**
New Police Station Project

Greeter:

Tim Olejniczak

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Jack Bell

Scribe:

Brad Helgemo

Future Programs

10/9: Brian Mulcahy
CEO Des Moines Airport
Changes at the Airport

10/16: Club Assembly

1023: World Polio Day Speaker

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

When was the last time you thought about your "What is Rotary?" elevator speech? In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to three men on the Public Relation Committee and requested a one-sentence definition. After numerous drafts, they presented this definition: "Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." These 31 words are worth remembering the next time someone asks, "What is Rotary Club?"



I sent around an order sheet for Rotary Club gear last week. I will be sending it around again this week as well with the plans to order t-shirts the first week of October. Please let me know if you have any questions or want to place an order but will not be in attendance at the meeting.

Wendi

Easy Chili



Ingredients: 1 onion, chopped
1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce
1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans
1 (14.5 ounce) can stewed tomatoes
1 ½ cups water, or as needed (Optional)
1 teaspoon chili powder, more to taste
1 pinch garlic powder
salt and pepper to taste

Combine ground beef and onion in a large saucepan over medium heat; stir until meat is brown and onion is tender, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir in tomato sauce, kidney beans, and stewed tomatoes. For a thinner consistency, add water. Add chili powder, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and let simmer, about 15 minutes.



2026-27 Officers & Directors

Wendi Wilson, President
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 Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
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 Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
 Tony Hunt, Board Member
 Kelly Peterson, Board Member
 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

Urbandale Uplift - October 22nd at Many Hands

World Polio Day Presentation - October 23th.

Scribbles

Tiffany Spinner Child Serve

This week we had the pleasure of hearing from a long-time friend and former member of our club. Tiffany Nagel Spinner came to speak to us about Child Serve, and her role as Vice President of Development. Tiffany shared some memories of being at our club a few years back with her father, long time member, Dave Nagel. He has since passed but the photo of them together at that meeting together brings back cherished memories of that day.

Tiffany shared details of Child Serve with us that are quite impressive and amazing. The extensive history of the organization started in 1928 as the Junior League Convalescent Home. The home cared for children recovering from diseases and was located on the grounds of what is now Iowa Methodist Hospital. The mission of Child Serve is to partner with families to help children with special healthcare needs live a great life. Today they employ over 1,700 people in Iowa and countless have locations all over the state to serve children's complex medical needs. They serve children as a leading pediatric healthcare provider with Iowa's only children's specialty hospital. Child Serve offers complex medical care, pediatric rehabilitation, autism and behavioral health, and community-based services. Community based services include operation of group homes for older children to live independently from their families. Funding of the organization is 80% from Medicaid, 8-10% from insurance, the rest from philanthropy. They serve around 6,100 children each year in Iowa. They have recently opened a new facility in Des Moines on Franklin to serve additional children in the coming years.

They are planning for a 100-year celebration and looking ahead. The theme for the future planning is Do More, Do Better, and Do it Together. There are many volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals to assist with the mission. They accept tax free donations as well. Tours of the facilities are available as well. To learn more and for more information visit www.childserve.org or stop by for a tour.

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 9	Doyle Sanders	Leray Glendenning	Dan Boes	Bill D. Corwin
Oct 16	Julia Taylor	Tony Hunt	Justin Nickel	Dianne Downing
Oct 23	Bill W. Corwin	Mark McAndrews	Jeff Bremer	Leray Glendenning

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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