



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

October 16, 2026

This Week's Program:

Club Assembly

Greeter:

Julia Taylor

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Justin Nickel

Scribe:

Dianne Downing

Future Programs

10/23: World Polio Day Speaker

10/30: Marquel Stuedmann &
Liz Keller
Golden Concierge Business

Message from the President

Wendi Wilson

This week's meeting will be a club assembly. We are planning a service project to assemble bags of books for at-risk preschool and early elementary students, as well as writing cards for our first responders. Please come ready to help!



Cin Cin al Rotary! Join us to celebrate Rotary International Foundation month. Enjoy an evening at the breathtaking Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa, where we will socialize with fellow Rotarians and exchange students from Italy and France. The event is on November 18, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please register by October 31.

World Polio Day is October 24th, providing a great opportunity to raise awareness for the cause. We will have a presentation regarding polio on the 23rd.



Slow Cooker Cherry Cake



Ingredients: 2 20 oz. cans cherry pie filling

1 box white cake mix

1/2 cup butter, melted

Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream (optional)

Instructions: Spray the insert of your slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray.

Pour the cans of cherry pie filling into the base of the slow cooker.

In a small mixing bowl, toss together the white cake mix and melted butter, until crumbly dough forms. Pour the dough over top of the cherry filling in the slow cooker.

Set on low and cook for 3 hours.

Serve Slow Cooker Cherry Cake with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream topping.

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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)



Scribbles

Clinton Torp Changes at DM Airport



Clinton Torp, COO of the Des Moines Airport Authority, joined us this week to provide an exciting sneak peek at the upcoming developments at the Des Moines International Airport. Clinton, who joined the Authority in 2019, noted that since the airport transitioned from City ownership to the Airport Authority in 2011, the focus has been on simplifying travel and enhancing the overall passenger experience. Notably, direct routes from DSM have increased from the low 20s to 34, and our fares are now competitive, averaging lower than both Kansas City and Omaha.

The highlight of the presentation was the announcement of the new terminal opening on January 19th. This \$600 million project will feature seven new gates with 160 seats each—doubling the capacity of our current 80-seat gates. A third phase of construction in 2028 and 2029 will add four more gates, bringing the total to 22 (11 gates from the Legacy Terminal).

The new terminal will include a full-service restaurant, an upgraded food court, and modern amenities like color-changing boarding lights and smart, upgraded restrooms. Regarding parking, an additional 1,200 spaces have been added, and the new "EZ Pick Up" lot now offers two hours of free parking to help manage passenger drop-offs and pick-ups while construction limits curbside access. Looking ahead, the Authority is actively working to secure direct routes to Seattle, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City.

Wendi Wilson, Scribe

Upcoming Events

Clothing Drive - October 13-Nov 3 at Lifetime

Meal Packaging - October 20th at 5:30 pm

Urbandale Uplift - October 22nd at Many Hands

World Polio Day Presentation - October 23th.

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Oct 23	Doyle Sanders	Mark McAndrews	Jeff Bremer	Leray Glendenning
Oct 30	Jack Bell	Tim Olejniczak	Brad Helgemo	Tony Hunt
Nov 6	Dan Boes	Kelly Peterson	Bill D. Corwin	Mark McAndrews

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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