



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

October 31, 2025

This Week's Program:

Major Hull
Salvation Army

Greeter:

Tony Hunt

Invocation:

Jack Bell

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Tim Olejniczak

Future Programs

11/7: TBA

11/14: TBA

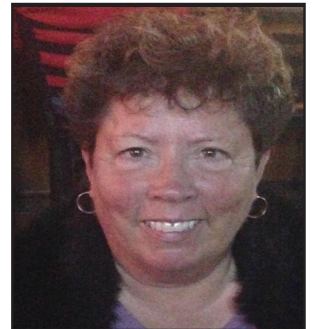
Message from the President

Dianne Downing

What a great weekend of volunteering!!! Thanks so much to everyone who helped volunteer at Many Hands thrift shop as part of Uplift Urbandale. They include Julia, Bill D, LeRay, Tim, Ed, Kelly, Jack, me and my terrific hubby David. We worked for 3 or 4 hours and put price tags on crate after crate after crate of Christmas ornaments. The staff was very , very appreciative of our time and energy!

It's been my days to pick up stuff from Lifetime. First pick up was about 15 lbs, Jack grabbed my second day stuff, didn't have anything one day and holy moly Sunday was crazy! I bet I have 40 or more lbs. of stuff and had to leave some! Couldn't get it all in my car!

I'm sure all the stuff will go to needy people so that's a good feeling

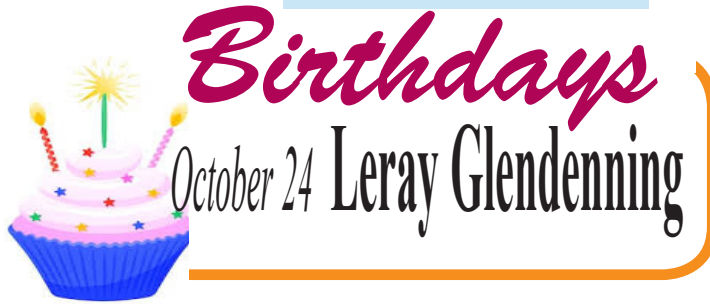


Lots of coats for kids!
Thanks Tim, Ed, Jack, LeRay, me,
hubby David and
thanks so so so much Kelly!!!



2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
- Wendi Wilson, President Elect
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- Bill W. Corwin, Secretary
- Ed Arnold, Board Member
- Bill D. Corwin, Board Member
- Tony Hunt, Board Member
- Kelly Peterson, Board Member
- Tim Olejniczak, 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

Gina Wright Urbandale Chamber of Commerce



We were pleased to be joined by Gina Wright, the Vice President of the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce—a truly well-prepared and engaging speaker. Gina appeared to know each of us personally, from the events we've attended and the conversations we've had, to our coffee preferences!

She recommended visiting “Events” page on the Chamber’s website: www.uniquelyurbandale.com, Gina highlighted 3 events she believes would be beneficial for our club—especially if our goal as members is to promote Rotary and grow our membership.

AM Exchange – It's an excellent opportunity to learn about fellow members and their businesses—and a great chance to promote Rotary. Gina emphasized that whether you're a first-timer or a regular attendee, AM Exchange is welcoming to all.

BASH – An after-work networking event on the second Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. Gina noted that attendance often approaches 100 and that it tends to be more informal and relaxed compared to AM Exchange.

Business Owners Roundtable – Meeting once per month, this forum gathers local business owners and leaders to discuss ideas, challenges, and best practices. While primarily focused on supporting individual businesses, Gina highlighted that this is also an avenue for Rotary members to connect and exchange ideas.

Gina also mentioned the upcoming Community for a Cause Luncheon on December 10—more details will be shared soon.

She concluded her presentation by reminding us of the exotic trips sponsored by the Chamber. This week, she's heading to the Amalfi Coast!

Jack Bell, Scribe

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 7	Mark McAndrews	Dan Boes	Wendi Wilson	Kelly Peterson
Nov 14	Tim Olejniczak	Bill D. Corwin	Bill W. Corwin	Doyle Sanders
Nov 21	Bill W. Corwin	Leray Glendenning	Jack Bell	Julia Taylor

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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