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Rotary

Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

November 13, 2026

This Week's Program:

DG Bill Bruce

District Governor
Visit

Greeter:
Justin Nickel
Invocation:
Doyle Sanders
Sergeant:
Dianne Downing
Scribe:
Tim Olejniczak

Future Programs

11/20: Rick Stammer
Rotary Youth Exchange

11/27: No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

Message from the President

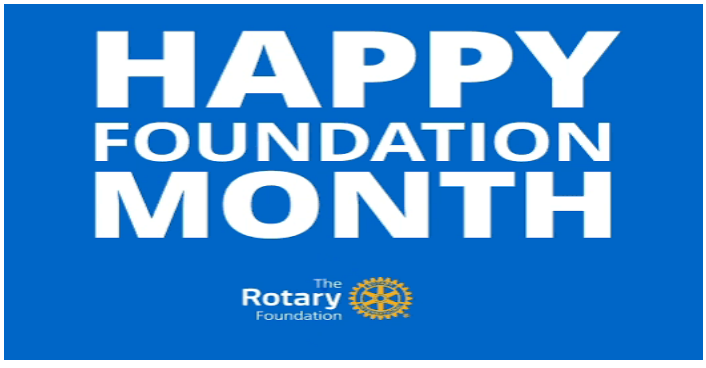
Wendi Wilson

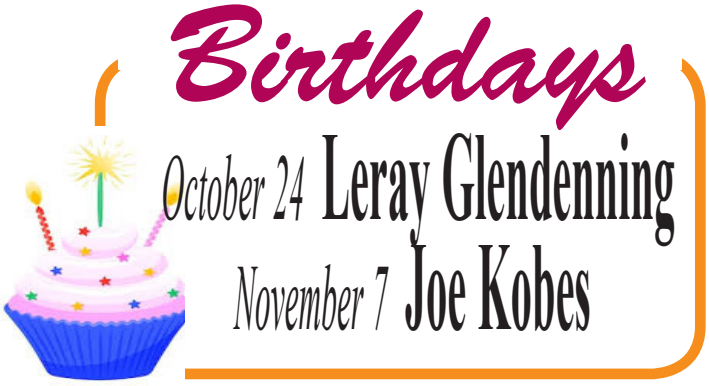


This week, our speaker is District Governor Bill Bruce. Bill retired from healthcare leadership in 2019 and has been a dedicated Rotarian for over 20 years. Over my time in Rotary, I have really come to enjoy these visits from our District Governors. I value learning about them personally, hearing their passions, seeing how other clubs operate, and learning about their strategic goals for the future of our district. It is always an inspiring reminder of the broader community we are a part of and how interconnected our efforts are.

The longer I am in Rotary, the more interested I become in everything the organization offers. During my incoming president leadership training, we explored the new My Rotary website, which is a fantastic resource. It is actually where I found the link for the club T-shirts we ordered last month, as well as the customizable template for our updated club brochure. Browsing through the available tools and documentation has shown me just how much administrative and promotional support is available to us at the click of a button.

Another great feature of the site is comprehensive information on Rotary initiatives worldwide, including Rotary Action Groups (RAGs). These are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups of experts from around the world focusing on critical fields like economic development, peacebuilding, addiction prevention, environmental conservation, and clean water. They offer a wonderful way to share your personal expertise, collaborate with like-minded members globally, and make an impact far beyond our local club and district. I highly encourage everyone to log in to My Rotary and explore these opportunities to get involved.





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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 Chuch 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

Clothing Drive October 13-Nov 3 at Lifeteime

Christmas Party December 8th (6-8 pm) at Gilroy's

Scribbles

Brennan Buckley
Introductions
Real Estate



Brennan Buckley, the founder of Introductions, a realty company that specializes in complex transactions, gave the club a fascinating overview of the current state of the real estate market on a macro level. His firm helps: individuals looking to purchase 2nd homes in distant markets; businesses that need to manage or sell properties in other states; and estates or trusts dealing with properties spread around the country working through transitions. His firm locates, qualifies and vets local professionals where the properties are located to ensure a smooth transaction.

Home sales have slowed recently due to people being "locked in" — having relatively high equity and favorable interest rates is an impediment to moving. However, the 4 D's drive a certain level of activity: diamonds (marriage); diapers (adding children); death; and divorce. Add the recent increases in house prices and interest rates it makes affording a home more challenging. This has pushed the average age of first-time buyers to historic highs. One new avenue to responding to this challenge is matching services that bring together unrelated people to purchase homes together.

Short- and long-term effects of COVID are still present in the market. The flight from northern cities to the sun-belt is now reversing, in part. Also, many people can work from anywhere driving real estate market in destination locations.

One last trend is the evolving nature of "luxury". More recent definitions focus on self-care, privacy and security. This has driven a new market of partial ownership where clients are able to buy a second home with more of the features they are looking for, but only have use for part of the year. Instead of sitting empty the rest of the year, it is enjoyed by the co-owners. Benefits of a more luxurious 2nd home, with less expense than having an empty house or renting it the rest of the year.

Scribe, Mark McAndrews

Future Info

Bill D. Corwin - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 20	Jeff Bremer	Julia Taylor	Leray Glendenning	Doyle Sanders
Nov 27	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 4	Brad Helgemo	Jack Bell	Tony Hunt	Julia Taylor

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.
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