



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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

November 21, 2025

This Week's Program:

John Emanoil
Bodhi Accupuncture

Arranged By:
Dianne Downing

Greeter:

Bill W. Corwin

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Tim Olejniczak

Scribe:

Julia Taylor

Future Programs

11/28: No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

12/5: Nate Buch
Iowa Wolves

12/12: Dave Busick
Channel 8

Message from the President

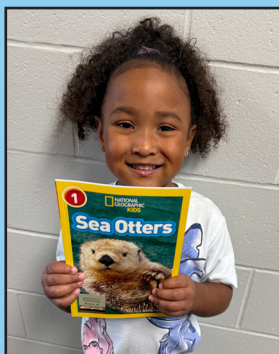
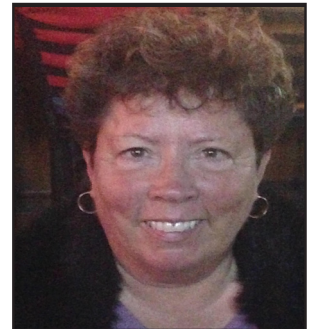
Dianne Downing

I hope everyone had a great weekend. Again the weather is unbelievable! We got started on our Holiday decorating but WILL not turn the lights on until the day after Thanksgiving!

I hope you enjoy today's speaker. John is my acupuncturist. I've been going to him for about a year and he's eased my shoulder pain and sinus infections.

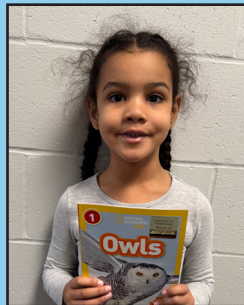
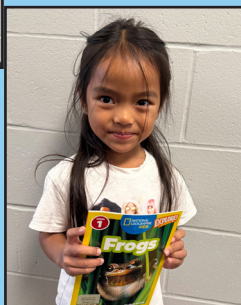
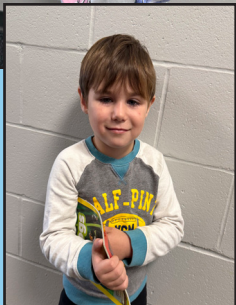
Remember we don't have a meeting next week because we're going be eating turkey. I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

We're doing pretty good getting speakers. If you know of someone you think would be interesting, let me or Bill W. know.



Literacy Program

Kids were all smiles when we passed out books at a local pre-school during our annual Literacy Program Drive. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Rotary Giving Back



Rotary was proud to present a check to DMARC to help them continue to provide food assistance in our community for the holidays.



2025-26 Officers & Directors

- Dianne Downing, President
- Wendi Wilson, President Elect
- Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer
- 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

Upcoming Events

December 13 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Outside Hobby Lobby - 4080 Merle Hay Road

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



Carl Evans DMARC

The club will be ringing the Bell for Salvation Army outside the Hobby Lobby on 12/13/25.

Also, Bill W. gave an update on Marv's recovery and health.

Ed provided a polio update - no new cases.

Carl Evans was our guest speaker from DMARC. He has been employed as a grant writer at DMARC since 8/2022. DMARC has seen an 83% growth in people served.

Here are some of the stats:

- Period ending 6/30/22 43000ish
- Period ending 6/30/23 59000ish
- Period ending 6/30/25 79544

36% of the people served are children. 10% seniors and 5% veterans. 50% of the food distributed by food pantries (monthly) comes from DMARC.

The 1st 2 days of November 2025 set daily records as the SNAP benefits were not distributed due to the government shutdown.

The average food pantry user visits 4 x per year.

DMARC offers other programs such as: Community engagement. LADOS (Life After Death of a Spouse) Hospice assistance. Meet my religious Neighbor (Helps with knowledge of different faiths) and Inter-Faith Youth Leadership.

Scribe, Justin Nickel

Birthdays



November 19 Wendi Wilson

Future Info

Ed Arnold - Program Chair

	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Nov 28	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 5	Jack Bell	Tony Hunt	Dan Boes	Wendi Wilson
Dec 12	Dan Boes	Mark McAndrews	Bill D. Corwin	Jack Bell

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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