



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

January 3, 2025

This Week's Program:

Heidi Drager
Rotary Club of HOPE

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Bill D. Corwin

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

Scribe:

Tony Hunt

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Future Programs

1/10: TBA

1/17: TBA

Prez Sez

Tim Olejniczak



Hello everyone! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and as I am currently writing this on New Years Eve I also hope that you all have a great New Years! It is crazy to think that it has been two weeks since I have seen everyone and I am looking forward to having our first meeting of 2025 this Friday!

First, lets start with Christmas, for me Christmas is always a busy time of the year with my parents being divorced and also my extended family still getting together Billie and I Had a total of 6 Christmas's between our families! One thing I tried hard to do this year was not to complain about all the different stops that we had and instead just be thankful to have time with family. For myself it is very easy for me to start complaining how I just want a day at home or how the holidays are more work than just going to work for the week. So my challenge to everyone is even outside of family, but this year in 2025 if you have an event or get together that maybe you aren't the most thrilled about find the positive in it, because we never know when our last time to get together with friends, co works, or family maybe so lets really try to enjoy the time that we do have!

For New Years my personal goal is to have less screen time on my phone this year, I know that sounds a little lame, but being a millennial it is something I do believe our generation really struggles with. So this year when I am traveling, at a sporting event or a family get together my goal is to really stay off my phone and just take in the moment. I believe a lot of times we don't fully enjoy the moment because we are to concerned with getting the perfect video, smile, photo, or whatever it maybe and instead we can just take it in with our own two eyes instead of through a lens. So, my challenge to myself especially and anyone who wants to join me is let's put the phone down and just be present.

As far as Rotary goes I think we had a great 2024: from the amount of coats we gave away, books, meals served, clothes drives, and the list can go on and on I truly believed our club made a difference this year. I know membership is always a top subject, but what I believe our club has shown this year is even with a smaller club you can still really make a difference and I am beyond proud of the differences that I believe we as a club made this year. In 2025 my goals are obviously to attract and get new members but above everything else continue to make a difference and an impact in both our community and worldwide!

I look forward to seeing everyone this Friday and once again Happy New Year!!

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, Community 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)
The Greater Des Moines Club, check the
District 6000 website for time and location

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)
Des Moines, Embassy Club - Ruan Bldg, (Noon)
Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Downtown Holiday Inn – Mercy, (7:00 am)

This & That

NEW YEAR'S FUN FACTS

Americans drink around 360 million glasses of sparkling wine on New Year's.

Ethiopia rings in the new year on September 11.

If you hear plates breaking in Denmark on New Year's Eve, it's considered good luck.

Hershey, PA drops a giant Kiss to ring in the new year.

Over 50 tons of trash are left in Times Square after New Year's Eve celebrations.

Upcoming Events

TBA

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

Tim Olejniczak

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Anniversary

Marv Johnson 57 Years

Bill W. Corwin 38 Years

Mark McAndrews 23 Years

Wendi Wilson 22 Years



Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Jan 10	Joe Kobes	Leray Glendenning	Wendi Wilson	Bill D. Corwin
Jan 17	Mark McAndrews	Bill Grask	Jack Bell	Dianne Downing
Jan 24	Bob Moore	Tony Hunt	Kelly Peterson	Leray Glendenning
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

