



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

July 19, 2024

*This Week's Program:*

**Steve Cannon**  
Adventure Photographer

Arranged By:

Jack Bell

Greeter:

Bob Moore

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Bill Grask

Scribe:

Wendi Wilson

## 2024-25 Officers & Directors

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## Future Programs

7/26: Jeremy Parsons, CEO  
Iowa State Fair

8/2: Sara Kurovski  
Make A Wish Foundation

8/9: Alysa Goethe  
Iowa Diabetes Association

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

Greeting from Ljubljana, Slovenia! I hope that everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing everyone soon! So far Billie and I have conquered a couple days in London, then flew into Slovenia for my work trip portion and then on Wednesday we are going to head over to Venice before flying home this weekend. In Slovenia we have spent 3 nights in the Piran area and are currently about to stay our third and final night in Ljubljana which is their capital city.



Couple things that have stuck out or hit me while being on this trip: First one is I truly believe there are so many people who are out there looking to do good or make an impact. On one of our boat rides I got talking to another Jones advisor who lives in the Chicago area and he is about to be president of the Shriners in his area, we had a good talk because the Shriners is also something that is near and dear to me from the time that I played in the Shrine bowl and seeing the kids from the hospital. I went on to discuss how I am president of our Rotary Club this year and just had a great conversation about helping people out. With that being said I want us to put a strong focus on not only finding individuals but most importantly educate individuals about all of the good we do, I truly believe if more people knew about everything our club does for the community and globally that they would be very interest in joining. So, that is going to be one of my biggest focuses this year is for our club to reach out and educate as many people as possible about what we do in Rotary.

Secondly, I had no idea what to expect when I came to Slovenia I knew nothing about the country but it has truly blown me away and I would use the term "Hidden Gem". When I started to think about how Slovenia was a hidden gem it also got me thinking about how Rotary is a hidden gem as well. Just like Slovenia when I went to my first rotary meeting as a guest I had no idea what to expect, and I was truly blown away by everything the club did but most importantly how everyone just welcomed me with open arms. The toughest thing is getting someone to take that first step to do something or go to something they may not know much about, but more often than not they will be shocked by what they see. As you will notice is my trend for all this year, but lets try to get as many people to come visit our club as possible this year so we can show them how much of a hidden gem that we are and why they should join in on all the good that we do.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 26th, and thank you to everyone who has pitched in and helped me while I have been away!

## Scribbles...

### *Rob Hedgepath - Iowa National Guard*

Our speaker at the July 12, 2024 meeting of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines was Retired Colonel Rob Hedgepath, PE (Iowa Army National Guard). Rob is currently a partner at Brooks, Borg, and Skiles, an Architectural Engineering firm in Des Moines. Rob provided some insights into the importance of the Army National Guard in many facets of civilian life. He detailed his military training culminating with his graduation in 2011 from the Army War College. The War College mission is to develop professional leadership skills for military leaders. Mr. Hedgepath developed leadership skills in the military, at the University of

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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, 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)

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Iowa, and various military and civilian professional development courses. He related several instances where he was able to utilize his Communication and IT skills around the world in multiple capacities through out his military career, and how those skills and experiences carried over to his civilian career.

Rob emphasized the value of cooperation among civilian employers and National Guard members during periodic emergency disaster responses and the benefits to local communities of National Guard training. Successful military – civilian partnerships are the result of: Support from local communities by providing personnel and time for Military training and deployment; recognizing the value of military training and experience; support from military families and friends; employers recognizing the value of military commitments, training and leadership; and having Guard members using their skills and training to benefit the community.

Ed Arnold , Scribe

## Upcoming Events

NW Rotary Golf Tournament  
 August 29

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

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## Anniversary

Kelly Peterson 24 Years

Ed Arnold 18 Years

Bill D. Corwin 7 Years



## Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
July 26	Jack Bell	Bill Grask	Mark McAndrews	Dianne Downing
Aug 2	Mark McAndrews	Tony Hunt	Bob Moore	Bill D. Corwin
Aug 9	Julia Taylor	Joe Kobes	Jack Bell	Bill Grask
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				

