



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ 11:45 - Ramada, 5000 Merle Hay Road

August 2, 2024

*This Week's Program:*

**Sara Kurovski**  
Make A Wish Foundation

Arranged By:

Kelly Peterson

Greeter:

Mark McAndrews

Invocation:

Tony Hunt

Sergeant:

Bob Moore

Scribe:

Bill D. Corwin

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## Future Programs

8/9: Alysa Goethe  
Iowa Diabetes Association

8/16: TBA

8/23: TBA

## Prez Sez

*Tim Olejniczak*

Greeting everyone! It was good to be back last week and see you all! What I truly enjoy about our club is how welcoming everyone is and even after time away, I feel right back at home. But, I am going to just go ahead and get the bad news over with that I will be gone this Friday again, but this will be my last one for a little while. I have never had a month booked like my July was this year, and my plans for this weekend have been in place for over 6 months. What I am going to be doing is getting together with a group of guys that I did work training with for Edward Jones down in St. Louis. One lives in Maine, one is in Texas, I am in Iowa and one is in Michigan which is where we are going to meet up. But, it did get me thinking how after almost nine years later do we still stay in contact and how did we build such a good bond where we try to meet up every 1-2 years? The main reason I can think of is common purpose.



When I first started with Edward Jones and got back from training, the method Edward Jones used to get clients was going door to door, so that is what I did starting January 3rd, 2016 I started knocking on doors at 23 years old asking people to trust me with something that is extremely important to them and I had zero experience under my belt too. It was mentally draining getting constant rejection, doors not opening and all while it was so cold outside, but I had others going through the exact same thing I was going through, and we leaned on each other to push ourselves through the tough times. The four of us had the common interest of wanting to help people, wanting to be financial advisors, and mainly wanting to build our own book of businesses. With all of us going through those tough first few years together even though we were in opposite states, it truly built such a strong bond and honestly brotherhood that it has now lead to probably my best friendships that I have.

So, how does that tie into Rotary? Well, in my viewpoint we all have a common interest: We all want to help out our community, help eliminate Polo, and be a part of an group that is bigger than ourselves. One of the first questions I always get when I tell people I am in Rotary is "aren't you to young to be in Rotary, or is everyone way older than you." My answer is, there isn't an age to young or old to be in Rotary, and that I have never felt like I have been judged or treated differently in our club for my age. Whether someone is 30 or 80 we can be united by a common cause and wanting to do good both locally and around the World. I have found myself caring more and more about Rotary each year that I have joined and I do think the biggest reason for that is I see the passion that our club has to truly do good. Joe, with the pickleball tickets always fires me up with his passion, Ed with the polio plus game and how much money has been raised for that, Jack who is constantly doing service projects and find us areas of need, Kelly moving to a brand new state and taking over president so quickly, Marv being a member for more years than I can count, Bill willing to lend a hand whenever asked, and I could go on and on. But, I truly do mean it when I say the passion of the members inside of our club is the reason why I now have such an interest in helping others through Rotary and it all comes back to that common interest we have to do good. Now, our goal is to find more people with that common interest of wanting to do good, and I do strongly believe if people knew everything we do, that would spark an interest so my goal is to try and spread the word to people who I think would be a good fit about everything our club and Rotary does.

I will end with this, I truly am sorry for my lack of attendance this month, I knew when I decided to do this that the first month was going to be rough with what was on my schedule, but I truly appreciate how our club is always willing to help out. But, even though I am not there if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to me and I will address them. I hope everyone has a great week and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

# 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)

# Upcoming Events

Trail Clean-Up - August 25 at 1:30 pm

CFUM - August 26

NW Rotary Golf Tournament - August 29

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

**Tim Olejniczak**

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# Scribbles

## Jeremy Parsons - Iowa State Fair



Corn dogs and chocolate chip cookies anyone? The Iowa State fair is August 8 through the 18th.

Today's speaker was Jeremy Parsons CEO of the Iowa State fair. Here are some highlights:

The first fair was October 22 through the 25th , 1854 in Fairfield, Iowa, with a budget of \$323.

The current fair annually attracts more than 1 million people from all over the world. It is the largest event in the state. It is one of the oldest and largest agricultural/industrial expositions in the country. It moved to Des Moines in 1879, it's current position.

Some of the fun things to do at the fair include food. There are over 84 food vendors. Many who are small mom and pop businesses. There is lots of free entertainment: people enjoy picking up a spatula at the varied industry building, checking out the butter cow which this is this year is Higgins, Jimmy Fallon, and Johnny Carson on the slide glider, going to the livestock shows and of course, watching to see what or what people are not wearing at the fair.

Many free shows, including horse shows, discounted admission tickets, and more. Jeremy said the admission price of the fair will not be raised this year. This year as a fair goal, there will be more shade, picnic tables and benches.

Lots of free entertainment, including Hairball, horse shows, exhibitions and many more. Grandstand events will feature Lauren Daigle , Jelly roll, Thomas Rhett, Mötley Crüe and many more. Get tickets now because Jelly Roll sold out in 42 minutes.

So much more including competitions and over 50,000 entries in contest such as arm wrestling photography plus many more and of course there's plenty to learn in proud of about Iowa agriculture.

Scribe, Dianne Downing

# Future Information

Ed Arnold - Program Chair



	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	Scribe
Aug 9	Julia Taylor	Joe Kobes	Jack Bell	Bill Grask
Aug 16	Wendi Wilson	Mark McAndrews	Dan Boes	Tony Hunt
Aug 23	Jack Bell	Bob Moore	Bill D. Corwin	Joe Kobes
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Tim Olejniczak by finding your substitute!				