



## Prez Sez

*Bill D. Corwin*

As I write this it is nine degrees below zero outside. We just returned from running some errands on this Valentine's Day. We got out to church and to Noah's Ark on Ingersoll, our wedding rehearsal dinner venue, with some friends last night. I think this means as Iowans we are a hearty bunch who do not usually let weather slow us down. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone reading this.



We've gone back to holding an in-person hybrid meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended in person or on zoom. It was great to get back together. I look for the zoom technical aspects to improve in the coming weeks. It is good to see everyone who can attend each week, both in person and on zoom.

The Theme of the next several weeks is going to be Pickleball, Pickleball and Pickleball. One of our two major sponsorship events is only ten weeks away. An e-mail has gone out to all the players and the volunteers in the past years to save the date and that registration opens soon. As far as raffle ticket sponsors, we are working on getting the restaurants committed, the tickets printed and ready for sale. We will plan to sell tickets all year, right up to the Golf Tournament, this year. As far as sponsorships for both tournaments: if you want to or know someone who wants to help us put on our tournaments this year, let them know the time is now. The committee is getting busy soliciting sponsorships. If you want to assist let us know.

I always want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary (via zoom or when we have in-person meetings): please do! We have lots of room for like-minded people, interested in Service Above Self.

To everyone reading this message, thanks for all you do for the good of the world.

## Scribbles...

### *Doug Romig Lauridsen Skatepark*

Doug Romig, the Deputy Director of the Polk County Conservation Commission, addressed the Club and gave a wide-ranging presentation on the vast reach and operations of the Polk County Conservation Commission. Iowa is the only state that requires there to be county conservation boards in every county throughout the state. The Polk County Commission manages 15,000 acres of parks, both hard- and soft-surfaced trails, manages 23 facilities including a golf course and an equestrian center, monitors water quality in 82 bodies of water, and soon will manage the Lauridsen Skate Park.

The Lauridsen Skate Park is slated to open in May of 2021. It is located on the west bank of the Des Moines River near the Rotary Bobber Park and the Women of Achievement Bridge. The vision for this park began in 2004 and has attracted \$7.5 million in a combination of public and private funding.

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**February 19, 2021**

***This Week's Program:***

**Maggie McClelland**

Central IA Water Trails

-- Hybrid + Zoom --

*Arranged By:*

Ed Arnold/Kathy Giles

*Greeter:*

Julia Taylor

*Invocation:*

Brad Helgemo

*Sergeant:*

Bill Grask

*Scribe:*

Jenifer M-K

### ***2020-21 Officers & Directors***

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### ***Future Programs***

**Meeting Type Subject To Change**

**2/26:** Deb Bowen

World War II Heros

Hybrid + Zoom

**3/5:** TBA

Hybrid + Zoom

# Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

Tuesday

- Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
- Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
- Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
- Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)
- West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

- East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)
- Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (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, Wakonda Club, (Noon)
- Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ck5FdHZDYmhwZXJJN0xDUmxnZUIGUT09>

Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 840343

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

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# Scribe Continued...

With 88,000 square feet of skate-able terrain this will be the largest skate park in the US. Containing elements that challenge all levels from beginners to experts, this facility will draw a broad cross-section of users. The park is designed to meet Olympic Qualifying standards and the commission is in talks with the Mountain Dew Tour to potentially host an Olympic Qualifying event this spring.

The Lauridsen Skate Park will be a recreational and cultural facility as well as a tourist attraction, making our community a more vibrant, exciting and inviting place to live for years to come.

Mark McAndrews, Scribe

## Upcoming Events

**-- District Events --**

**Grant Management Seminar**  
 ONLINE Feb 27, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Or  
 ONLINE Mar 06, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**LIVING THE 5 WAY TEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
 On Zoom or Ankeny Courtyard Marriott  
 Apr 24, 2021 - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**3rd annual Pickleball for a Purpose Tournament**  
 Smash Park West Des Moines - Apr 24, 2021 - 8:00 - 5:00

# Future Information



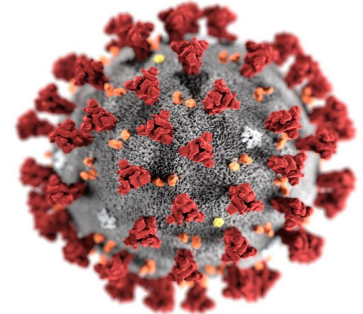
Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
Feb 26 - World War II Heros	Tim Olenjiczak	LeAnn Auxier	Matt Nelson	Danny Mielneczek
Mar 5 - TBA	Wendi Wilson	Dan Boes	Marv Johnson	Bob Moore
Mar 12 - TBA	Jim Arthur	Dianne Downing	Joe Kobes	Bill W. Corwin
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



## Covid Sharing

### *Mercy One Gets Vaccines!*

MercyOne is beginning to vaccinate Phase 1B – Tier 1 patients per the Iowa Department of Public Health guidelines. Per the Iowa Department of Public Health Vaccine guidelines, those eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1B – Tier 1 include those 65 years of age and older, first responders, PK-12 school staff, early childhood education and childcare workers.



We are excited to begin vaccinating patients soon and will be reaching out via email or phone to schedule appointments with eligible patients.

At this time, **please do not call your provider**. As more vaccines become available, MercyOne will continue to contact patients within the eligible phases to make a vaccination appointment.

We know there are still many questions about COVID-19 vaccination. Below are answers to several common questions. You can also download a flier with FAQs in English, Spanish or Bosnian.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit the CDC or FDA websites. To learn more about vaccine distribution, contact the Iowa Department of Public Health or we have gathered COVID-19 vaccination information by county.

MercyOne urges everyone to continue to follow current safety measures. It is crucial we all remain vigilant with avoiding crowds, practicing physical distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. We must continue upholding our personal safe living and decision-making responsibilities until the vaccine is more broadly available. People who are vaccinated must also stay committed to CDC safety guidelines until there is widespread vaccination.

## Share Your Story!

Hearing stories from others on how they got an appointment for a vaccine or what side effects they have after the shot will help others during this process. So please share your story by sending it to Bill D. Corwin at [wdcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:wdcorwin@gmail.com)