



## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

We had our board meeting last week. Really well-attended on zoom. Some big things we got accomplished I would like to share with everyone. We approved the Scholarship Committee's proposal to increase the scholarship amounts for students to \$ 3000.00 vs. \$ 2000.00. There were several other recommendations in the proposal, about how we select the students and how we get the word out about the scholarships. The Committee worked hard on the plan, and I am looking forward to awarding that money to the young adults that the Committed selects. More good things we are doing in the world, without a doubt.



The board got good news on the RYLA front as well. RYLA will be a full in-person event this year and we are sponsoring 2 students to attend. It is a new location, Coe Collage vs. Grinnell. Coe was selected partially based on their safety record re: COVID-19. They have been very diligent throughout the pandemic and it sounds like the RYLA committee is excited to be getting back to what they have such a passion for. The Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines is right in there with them, supporting students financially. GO-RYLA-GO.

We have decided to put together a social event for the Club members and spouses, on Wednesday Evening the 21st of April at 5: 30 pm. We will hold it at Ruby Tuesday's, on 86th street, just up the street from UGCC. The Club is providing appetizers and everyone can buy their own drinks. We can share some time kicking back, telling some stories and just hanging out. Remember the 5th test: Rotarians must have fun.

Raffle ticket selling season is upon us. Cool Basil has been added to the tickets; should be a great addition. See the upcoming event for opportunities for you to sell five or more sheets. If everyone in the Club does their part in selling, this will one of the best years in fund raising on the tickets, ever. The HyVee opportunity on top of our individual efforts should be extremely effective. I know if we run out of tickets, Joe can get more printed, so do not worry selling so many we run out!

I always want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary (via zoom or to an in-person meetings) - please do. We always have room for like-minded people ready to work for Service above Self.

## Scribbles...

### *Leslie Irlbeck* Metro Waste Authority

Friday March 19th Speaker was Leslie Irlbeck of Metro Waste Authority.

They are a 28e Government Entity, so are a not-for-profit, that is owned by 23 local communities. They were formed to do safe and smart ways to get rid of waste. They are a manager, not a hauler of waste.

They own and operate 6 facilities throughout the Des Moines metro area: East and West Landfills – Metro Central Transfer Station – Metro NW Transfer Station – Compost Center – Hazardous Waste Drop-off Center

In November of 2021 they will officially open a new recycling center in part of their Grimes facility.

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March 26, 2021

**This Week's Program:**

Eric Barnum  
Drake Choral Activities  
-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski

Greeter:

LeAnn Auxier

Invocation:

Leray Glendenning

Sergeant:

Eric Idehen

Scribe:

Dave Piersel

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

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### **Future Programs**

Meeting Type Subject To Change

4/2: Michael TanHaken  
Your CBD Store  
Hybrid + Zoom

4/9: TBA  
Hybrid + Zoom

## Upcoming Events

**NEW!**

**Rotary Social Event**  
 Ruby Tuesday's - 86th street in Urbandale  
 Wednesday, April 21 - 5:30 pm

**-- District Events --**

**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 - May 15, 2021 - 8:00 - 5:00

**Hy-Vee Raffle Ticket Sales**  
 Saturday & Sunday - May 22 & 23 and May 29 & 30

MWA is involved with community initiatives to help with achieving no wasted resources. They help with natural disasters, working with Polk County Emergency Services.

Covid-19 created challenges but it helped them start a new curbside pickup program.

MWA is also a leader in conservation efforts, mainly water quality and wetlands construction. Education is a key way to changing behavior. They do this in 3 ways: Classrooms where they have a former teacher go around to schools, an on-site Environmental Learning Center on the East Landfill and through professional development.

Landfills have a life cycle that is multiple decades of years. They follow a financial formula required by law. They are regulatorily required to manage a waste site for 30 years after it is closed for use. The current site has many decades left of use, as they are only actively using 500 of the 2,000 acres.

A motto MWA goes by is to take an active stance to put ourselves out of business.

Scribe, Kyle Pieper

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

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## Covid Vaccine Info

Note about COVID 19 Vaccine distribution here in Iowa. I was told that the shot is open to anyone 50 and older with any underlying condition, and the person who told me that got his shot 3 days after getting on the list. His underlying condition was asthma. So please share your story by sending it to Bill D. Corwin at [wdcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:wdcorwin@gmail.com)

**Join Zoom Meeting -- Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 840343**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ck5FdHZDYmhwZXJJN0xDUmxnZUIIGUT09>

## Future Information



**Ed Arnold - Program Chair**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Scribe</b>
Apr 2 - Your CBD Store	Dan Boes	Bill Grask	Jim Lipscomb	Jenifer M-K
Apr 9 - TBA	Bill W. Corwin	Matt Nelson	Beth Goedken	Larry Sample
Apr 16 - TBA	Shannon Heinen	Danny Mielneczek	Mark McAndrews	Doyle Sanders
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!</i>				