

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

For those who have not heard, I have some sad news from one of our Club's long-time members. All who know Dr. Dave Piersel know his partner in all things including Rotary, his wife, Myrna. Many of us Club members knew her much better than I did. My experience with her was mostly during service events. She had a kind demeanor, and pleasant smile every time I met her. Dave let us know that last Tuesday Myrna had a terrible fall and was in the ICU. She passed on Friday while hospitalized. Arrangements are being made with Hamilton's Funeral Home. We will update the Club as we know more. I am certain Dave and his family can use our prayers and support. I want to express my sorrow for their loss.



Thanks to everyone who helped with our Sergeant for Service event last week at the meeting. We got over 80 personal notes made out to go with the chocolate bars we are providing. They will be delivered by UCAN in the next few days. They have many people they serve who would love a nice note and chocolate bar. Because of your efforts Friday they will get just that as a surprise, soon.

We have a social event coming up for the Club members and spouses/partners/SOs/friends, on Wednesday evening the 21st of April at 5:30 pm. We will hold it at Ruby Tuesday, just up the street from UGCC. Please mark your calendar and let's get together and practice the 5th Test.

Raffle ticket selling season is upon us. See the Upcoming Events box for opportunities for you to sell your sheets. If everyone in the Club does their part in selling, this will be one of the best years in fund raising on the tickets, ever. The Hy-Vee 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.

Please bring a guest to Rotary (either via zoom or to an in-person meeting). We always have room for like-minded people ready to work for Service Above Self.

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

Scribbles...

Dr. Eric Barnum Drake Choral Activities



President Bill D. Corwin welcomed 15 Rotarians attending live and an additional four by Zoom. In lieu of a Sergeant's session, those in attendance wrote short notes on "thinking of you cards" to persons isolated by COVID-19.

Dr. Eric Barnum, the Drake University Director of Choral Studies, provided an interesting program, describing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Choral program. At Drake University, touring and performing are an integral part of the Choral program's educational experience. On Friday, March 13, 2020, lockdowns were announced, as the Drake Choral group was in Kansas City to perform. They performed one last concert without benefit of masks or social distancing. Since vocal concerts were considered "super spreaders," Drake University waited for Science to dictate their future actions.

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April 2, 2021

This Week's Program:

Michael TanHaken

Your CBD Store

-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Wendi Wilson

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Bill Grask

Sergeant:

Jim Lipscomb

Scribe:

Jenifer M-K

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

4/9: Brad Reiners
Hoover Presidential
Foundation
Hybrid + Zoom

4/16: 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)



Birthdays
March 29 **Bob Moore**

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

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Currently, Music Education classes are on-line only. With adjustments for ventilation filters, limiting practice times to 20-30 minutes, and following other protocols, the choirs have been able continue and work around the COVID-19 restrictions. Dr. Barnum indicated that, although cumbersome, adaptations were made that enabled the students to receive their music education, even though the performing experiences were modified. The Pandemic made for interesting modifications to teaching choral and instrumental music, ultimately leading to creative solutions to the challenges presented.

Ed Arnold, Scribe

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

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

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

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
Apr 9 - Hoover Pres. Foundation	Shannon Heinen	Matt Nelson	Beth Goedken	Larry Sample
Apr 16 - TBA	Bill W. Corwin	Danny Mielneczek	Mark McAndrews	Doyle Sanders
Apr 23 - TBA	Dianne Downing	Eric Idehen	Jenifer M-K	Kelly Peterson-Cruse
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				