

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Wow, what a weekend for getting outside! Our family got out for some play and some work. Pickleball, deep cleaning our vehicles, basketball, walks around the neighborhood and conversations with neighbors, free farm-fresh eggs from a friend, discussions about how trees seem to bloom overnight, meals on the deck, and of course **The Masters** on TV. All of these things point to spring and can really bolster a change in attitude in my life.

Last week, we saw the return of several members we had not seen much since the beginning of the pandemic. It was great to see them in person! Between the familiar faces, the buffet lunch, talk of ticket sales, opportunities to serve others, and our upcoming Club social really make it seem like things are moving towards a new normal. That our newest member, Shannon, was able to help as greeter at last week's meeting also seemed important to me. To watch a new member show up early and give her time to assist the Club members with a smile and a welcome to the meeting: what a great sign of hope for the future!

Another team that I want to say thank you to are Jenifer M-K and Marnie, who work every week to get out this newsletter. The errors I send them that they fix, I am not even aware of. We are lucky to have these two working on this project week in, week out. Another point of light from our Club that carries our information to many more people than can make our weekly meetings. Thank you both.

Club visits for the Pickleball Tournament do start this week and continue through the rest of this month. Raffle ticket selling season is upon us. See the *Nor'Wester* for our HyVee selling sign-up times.

Please bring a guest to Rotary, via zoom or in person. 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...

### *Brad Reiners Hoover Presidential Foundation*

Thank you Brad Reiners, Communications Director for The Hoover Presidential Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit support group for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Museum and national historic site in West Branch, IA. Members of the Foundation help sponsor special exhibits, scholarships and programs. The federal budget funds the physical site.

Brad shared his list of "20 things you may not know about President Herbert Hoover." Your scribe was able to list 17 and will share 10 of them with you.

1. The first President from west of the Mississippi.
2. Orphaned at age 9.

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April 16, 2021

### *This Week's Program:*

A.J. Johnson &  
 Aaron DeJong  
 Urbandale City Manager &  
 Economic Development

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Bill W. Corwin

Invocation:

Danny Mielneczek

Sergeant:

Mark McAndrews

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders

### *2020-21 Officers & Directors*

Bill D. Corwin, President  
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 Eric Idehen, Board Member  
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 Bob Moore, Board Member  
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 Beth Goedken, Past President

### *Future Programs*

Meeting Type Subject To Change

4/23: Steve Bass  
 Urbandale School District  
 Hybrid + Zoom

4/30: 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

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

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 Klimowski**

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3. Member of Stanford University's inaugural class.
4. Self-made millionaire. The source of wealth was mining and gold.
5. His wife, Lou Henry was from Waterloo, also a graduate of Stanford, carried her own .38 caliber, and was good at archery.
6. Led efforts to bring Americans home at the start of WW I. Gave up his career in Engineering and concentrated in feeding the starving.
7. Was a great humanitarian, serving over 8 million starving individuals in 57 countries.
8. Served as Secretary of Commerce and starred in the first TV broadcast in American history.
9. His first elective position was as President of the U.S., which he won by a landslide.
10. FDR did not want Hoover involved in helping out to resolve the depression, because FDR wanted all the credit for himself.

Other facts – Hoover was Quaker born, humble about his wealth, traveled around the world 8 times attending to mining business, did not take a Presidential salary, was very generous, supported a school in Appalachia, enjoyed the outdoors, and enjoyed coming back to Iowa. Notably, President Hoover believed that local communities could do a better job at helping themselves versus the government stepping in.

The National Park Visitor Center is open, but the Library and Museum are closed for renovation. The home cottage is open. Thank you, Brad, for sharing information about our President and Library.

Scribe, Larry Sample

**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 23 - TBA	Dianne Downing	Eric Idehen	Jenifer M-K	Kelly Peterson-Cruse
Apr 30 - TBA	Leray Glendenning	Marv Johnson	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor
May 7 - TBA	Bill Grask	Donna Larson	Shannon Heinen	Wendi Wilson
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!</i>				