

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

More things we have done in the past are coming back! Our first in-person social in over a year was held tonight (4/21/2021). We went to a place familiar to the Club: Ruby Tuesdays. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend. We got to catch up with our members and their spouses, and share stories of how COVID has changed us and how many things are still the same. We will do this again soon, for sure.

Thanks to Kelly Peterson-Cruse for arranging a fun and revealing game for us to play. We learned some things about our members. Here is a task you can work on, if you were not at the event: Kelly, Diane and Bill D. were the subjects of the game. Each of these things is true about one of these members; if you want to play along, try to match them up. One of the three had their high school graduation photo taken at a hospital because of a surgery that made them miss the graduation ceremony. One of our members talked their way in to see the Williams sisters play a tennis match at the Australian Open (without a ticket). One of our members spent a day at Fort Madison Prison. These were only some of the events that were discussed at the social. It was a good time had by all, I would say.

Club visits for the Pickleball Tournament 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 to an in-person meeting). We always have room for like-minded people ready to work for Service Above Self.



Scribbles...

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



Our Program was provided by AJ Johnson & Aaron De Jong- Urbandale City Manager & Economic Development.

AJ who has been the City Manager for 37 years gave us the year in review:

City Hall closed March of last year. Business continued remotely and is slowly reopening.

Library has gone to curbside, virtual and limited in-person services.

Senior Center is reopening slower than other departments due to the vulnerability of the population it serves. It's the only city-run Senior Center in the state.

Parks and Recreation will start running programs and classes this summer.

A 56 million dollar budget was approved which included a 5-cent tax reduction.

Urbandale Pool closed and will not reopen as it was not financially sustainable, especially after closing for COVID.

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April 23, 2021

This Week's Program:

Steve Bass

Urbandale School District

-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Dianne Downing

Invocation:

Eric Idehen

Sergeant:

Jenifer M-K

Scribe:

Doyle Sanders

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

4/30: TBA

Hybrid + Zoom

5/7: TBA

Hybrid + Zoom

Upcoming Events

-- 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

SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual Golf Outing - September 17, 2021

**DON'T WAIT.
VACCINATE!**

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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Douglas Reconstruction Project includes road and trail work: a "Complete Street Project" which will provide designated lanes for bikes as well as pedestrians, in addition to repairing the road.

2020 was the best year for single family home permits. 2021 is projected to be just as good.

Continued city-wide awareness, preparedness, and safety from what we learned during this pandemic and to be ready for the future.

The second part of the program was provided by Aaron, who is the project lead on the Merle Hay Reinvestment District

Merle Hay was the first mall in the state (1959), but the landscape of retail has changed.

The Buccaneers are looking for a new facility.

This project is being planned in hopes of receiving state assistance for this 75-acre project for the "new" Merle Hay which includes:

1. A new 3,500 seat arena for the Buccaneers which includes 4 different ice areas.
2. 150 room hotel.
3. Renovated food court
4. New 80,000 square foot retail center.
5. An outlot project of retail providing Kohls a new 120,000 square foot building.
6. The Tower being renovated into senior housing.

The goal is to create a complete shopping AND entertainment center for the community. If all goes as planned, construction will start in Fall, 2021 and the "first puck" on ice in early 2022. Next steps is their presentation to the state.

Scribe, Kelly Peterson-Cruse

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ck5FdHZDYmhwZXJjN0xkUmxnZUIGUT09>

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Apr 30 - TBA	Leray Glendenning	Marv Johnson	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor
May 7 - TBA	Bill Grask	Donna Larson	Shannon Heinen	Wendi Wilson
May 14 - TBA	Matt Nelson	Tim Olejniczak	Kyle Pieper	Ed Arnold
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

2021 Rotary Social



Fun evening at the 2021
Rotary Social!
Great to spend some time
together after a
challenging year!

Other Meeting 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)