



Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

The worldwide polio count is still at 2 after over 3 months. Take it in, Rotarians. This has all the look of a Rotary Miracle, backed up with thousands of hours and billions of dollars raised and donated. What an incredible time to be a Rotarian. If the world does not know about this miracle, it may be our job to share it. I am so amazed. (This open space below is so you can stop reading and just soak it in, what you have been or are a part of as Rotarian).



Back to Work Club: 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. The Tournament is coming up in a few weeks. Get ready for some fun.

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...

Steve Bass Urbandale School District

Steve Bass came to Urbandale as superintendent six years ago from the Osage School District. He is planning to retire at the end of this year.

Urbandale is the 32nd largest district in the state and one of the smallest 4A schools in the state. It has one of the largest open enrollments with 900 inbound open-enrolled students.

Steve thanked the district for support in passing the referendum in 2018. That has helped with many infrastructure improvements. They have added safety entrances at the fronts of buildings. They have completed a fitness center that benefits hundreds of students. It is listed as one of the top ten high school fitness centers and weight rooms in the country.

Two new elementary schools are being built. Olmsted is entirely new and almost complete. The other one is the new Valerius building. Both are two-story and will serve approximately 450-500 students. Rolling Green will eventually be closed. The plans for that site are not yet determined.

The Urbandale city pool is being removed from land leased from the school. The decision has not been made as to whether to replace it. The land use will revert to the school district.

The pandemic has presented stressful times as Steve personally answered over 8000 COVID-related emails, himself. The experience of remote learning had mixed results. There was a surprising number of benefits because it forced students to be accountable for their time and work and it reduced disciplinary issues, allowing many student to do better. Zoom has been a tremendous benefit, but Steve is about Zoomed out.

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April 30, 2021

This Week's Program:

Scott Raecker

Rotary of Des Moines AM

-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Leray Glendenning

Invocation:

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Bob Moore

Scribe:

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

5/7: Shane Goodman

Cityview

Hybrid + Zoom

5/14: Alzheimer's

Association of Iowa

Hybrid + Zoom

Upcoming Events

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

They have had some tremendous new hires in the last couple of years with equally- or better-qualified personnel. They are short of subs, cooks and numerous other positions.

Steve is proud of staff's performance during the pandemic as they worked from home while caring for their own children. One thing he noticed is that the pandemic forced families to have meals together and pulled people together all over.

Steve's future plans call for his wife and himself to move to Pensacola in his home state, to be near his brother's and his wife's families.

Doyle Sanders, Scribe

**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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Fun May Facts

The word May wasn't actually used until the middle ages were on their way out, around the 15th Century AD. Up until then, the Roman word Maius was still used.

May isn't just a bad time to get married, though. There's the Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn't wash any blankets either!

May is a special time for Star Wars fans worldwide and always a good reason to re-watch the movies. May the 4th is celebrated as Star Wars day, due to the way the date sounds similar to "May the Force." We won't start the debate over whether the old movies are better than the new ones, because we all know the answer to that!

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>
May 7 - Cityview	Bill Grask	Donna Larson	Shannon Heinen	Wendi Wilson
May 14 - Alzheimer's Association	Matt Nelson	Tim Olejniczak	Kyle Pieper	Ed Arnold
May 21 - TBA	Beth Goedken	Jim Lipscomb	Dave Piersel	Jim Arthur
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				