

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

We made it through these busiest four weeks at the, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, this year.

A quick recap: Club Visits, Pickleball Tournament and two weekends at HyVee selling tickets. That is just in the last four weeks. This Club is not afraid to work. I know we all worked very hard and you may want to know if it was worth it.

I don't speak English, I'm Ok, My property taxes went up, I just spent \$400.00 on my child's grad party, why do kids need coats now, its summer, are just some of the objections we overcame in our sales efforts this last two weekends. The ticket sales numbers are the highest ever. Just ask Doyle, Wendy, Joe, Ed, Jim, Diane, Kelly, Beth, Eric, Bob, Jenifer M-K or me. It was a great experience getting out in front of the public as Rotarians from this Club. The trust the community has in our Club and the joy with which some of them opened their wallets and purses to support us was truly inspiring. One specific instance that really inspired me was when a young couple (under 25 by my guess), familiar with our Club or the coats program purchased a sheet of tickets then then thanked me for what our Club was doing to improve the world. We handed out a lot of brochures on our Club, and may even find some prospective members. Overall, we have raised more money for good works this year than any of the last three. Really great work by all involved.

It looks like our challenge for this year is going to be membership. We are losing members regularly, this year. We are all on the membership committee. We invited many purchasers of raffle tickets to check out our Club. I still want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary. We always have room for like-minded people ready to work for service above self. The phrase many hands make light work is true. We have many projects on the books that take many hands.

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

Scribbles...

Beth Kneeskern Iowa Cubs Baseball

Thanks to Bill and Lisa Corwin, the travelling Pickleball Tournament trophy will remain with our Club for the third year! Thanks as well to all who made the tournament a success again, this year.

Doyle Sanders favored us at today's meeting with a review of Rotaract activities.

The guest speaker was Beth Kneeskern, Marketing Manager for the Iowa Cubs. Beth joined the Cubs organization in December of 2018 as Group Sales Account Executive and was promoted to her current position in March of this year. She has an MA in Strategic Communication from the University of Iowa, and prior to joining the Iowa club held positions with the Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs and was Assistant Director of Admissions at Simpson College.

The Iowa Cubs is the AAA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. They play the highest level of professional baseball in Iowa. They won the AAA North Division for the first time in 2019, but then, because of the COVID pandemic, they played no baseball for 1-1/2 years.

The majority owner, Michael Gartner, kept all of the full-time employees during this time. Only he and one other AAA team owner did this. During this time, they hosted drive-through

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June 4, 2021

This Week's Program:

Jessica Dunker
Iowa Restaurant Association

-- Hybrid + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Marv Johnson

Invocation:

Mark McAndrews

Sergeant:

Jim Lipscomb

Scribe:

LeAnn Auxier

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

6/11: Dave Cook
Welcome Train
Hybrid + Zoom

6/18: Pat McGonegle
Iowa Pork Producers
Hybrid + Zoom

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Upcoming Events

(Re) Installation Dinner
Christopher's Beaverdale - Wednesday, June 23 - 6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!
Annual Golf Outing - September 17, 2021



Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted
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events, a farmer's market, the state high school baseball, tournament (with limited seating) and a Father's Day event. In addition, they hosted various virtual events and podcasts.

Because so many minor league clubs had to lay off their work staff when the 2021 season came around and it was time to play ball, many teams had to scramble to get enough employees for opening day. The Iowa Cubs were fully staffed and ready to roll at the beginning of the season on May 4, after a 604-day hiatus.

Some COVID related items to note about the reopening:

Make sure to bring your debit or credit card. Cash will no longer be accepted at the park. Two ATM machines will be available inside Principal Park near the fan services center behind home plate. The machines allow fans to exchange cash for a pre-paid Mastercard that also can be used outside of Principal Park. Cubbie dollars will continue to be accepted.

The game program also has gone digital. QR codes will be around the park to download it for free.

The Cubs will use a digital ticketing system to scan smart phones. Print-at-home options are available but hand-held tickets will be a thing of the past. Fans can use the digital ticketing system to share tickets with friends by email.

Our thanks to Beth for speaking to us and filling us in on the return of AAA baseball to Iowa.

Scribe, Jim Arthur

**DON'T WAIT.
VACCINATE!**

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>
June 11 - Welcome Train	Joe Kobes	Shannon Heinen	Doyle Sanders	Dan Boes
June 18 - Iowa Pork Producers	Donna Larson	Danny Mielneczek	Julia Taylor	Bill W. Corwin
June 25 - TBA	Eric Idehen	Bob Moore	Tim Olenjniczak	Dianne Downing
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