

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Good Day, Club, President William D. here. My first Prez Sez for the year. As you will see, writing is not my strong suit. Fifty-one left to go! You will see that I am more of a doer, than a writer. We enter our 52 /53rd year as a club having endured more changes in our routine than probably any year in the past 51 years. Neither our Madam President Beth nor any of us knew what was coming when last July started, for sure. I will say I have a lot of respect for how President Beth adapted and changed with the times, and how our Club reacted with flexibility and commitment to the cause of Service Above Self. Our incoming Rotary International President Holger Knaack states in his first message this month that, "The world needs Rotary now more than ever, and it is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come."



To that end, I celebrate how our Club has found new ways to have an impact in our community this last year, during the pandemic. We missed a lot of our normal service opportunities due to the situation, but we found other ways to serve. Again, I say thank you and congratulations to us all. The phrase of our RI President "for generations to come" has me thinking this morning as I write this. I read some membership details in the District 6000 newsletter for the District and our Club. The 19-year membership trend for the District is down 907 members. Our Club is down 30 over those 19 years (although, I believe 3 clubs have started out of our membership in those 19 years as well!). I do believe that for the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines to be here for generations, we need to look at our membership. In my time at the Club, I have seen guests to our Club become members, and those new members become active and involved and benefit the Club and the communities we serve. Some of the barriers to membership of the past do not exist. The 100% attendance requirement is gone from RI, the need to pay for lunches even when you cannot attend has been altered, the ability to attend a meeting electronically now exists. Each of us can use these changes to open the door to Rotary's opportunities for those who previously could not participate. I know this is my first message to the Club, but my request, challenge and plea is that you invite someone to Rotary as a guest. Tell them why you love Rotary and bring them to our Club. Once you get them to a meeting six times out of ten, they seem to find something they want to be a part of. I hope this year is the year of increased guest attendance to our meetings and by extension increase in Club membership. If they are your coworkers, friends, relatives, or those who took over for you at your previous position prior to retirement, our job is to invite people to attend and the Club's job is to just do what we do whenever we have guest, and be welcoming. Not everyone will be a fit, but if we don't get them to the meeting, they will never know if they are missing what we are providing. Every day we do together what we cannot on our own.

As far as the new normal for the Club and our meetings: As we discussed, I plan to get back to meeting every week with alternating Live and in person, then Zoom format. The first Live meeting will be July 10th, back at UGCC. There will be some details by newsletter prior to the meeting about how to order our plated lunch. The Live meetings will be also on Zoom for those who cannot attend at the UGCC. This will be done as long as it needs to be, and I will be ready to change from Live meetings if it is prudent. I appreciate all your flexibility as we move ahead in post-pandemic times.

One thing I know we all agree on is that the world needs us now and we have a desire to help. I thank you for that!

William D. Corwin President 2020-2021

July 10, 2020

### *This Week's Program:*

Eric Idehen  
Hope Orphanage

#### Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

#### Greeter:

Ed Arnold

#### Invocation:

Bill W. Corwin

#### Sergeant:

Marv Johnson

#### Scribe:

Bob Moore

### *2020-21 Officers & Directors*

Bill D. Corwin, President  
Danny Mielneczek, President Elect  
Bill W. Corwin, Treasurer  
Dianne Downing, Secretary  
Eric Idehen, Board Member  
Donna Larson, Board Member  
Bob Moore, Board Member  
Kyle Pieper, Board Member  
OPEN, Board Member  
Beth Goedken, Past President

### *Future Programs*

Meeting Type Subject To Change

7/17: ZOOM Mtg

7/24: UGCC + ZOOM

7/31: ZOOM Mtg

# Scribbles - Installation Celebration

On June 24th we had a new normal get together to celebrate the past year, give out some awards and install our new president and board for 2020-20201. The evening started off at Jethro's Bacon, Bacon Bacon on 22nd street in West Des Moines. We had 20 or so club members and guests gather for the dinner. We had 8 or 9 club members and guests join on zoom for the first ever Hybrid Rotary meeting of the club. Diner was made available for pick up by the Zoomers if they desired. Jethro's did a good job or providing a safe atmosphere and good food for us! The program started with the Gavel passing from President Beth to incoming president Bill D. Corwin.

Beth then presented gifts to the board members. Awards for the year presented by President Beth. Congratulats to all our 2019-2020 award winners. Our Rotarian Supporter of the year was Jean Lipscomb, Our Rotarian of the year was Joe Kobes, and our Rotarian Rookie of the year was Kyle Peiper. We gave our several perfect attendee certificates as well. After the awards concluded many thank you's being expressed, many photos were taken, and many well wishes were exchanged. The night overall was a positive and uplifting trip towards the new normal.

President bill D again expressed enthusiasm for the coming

year and the reality the the world need rotary now more than ever. Bill D. reminded us to get back to selling with a reminder that out raffle tickets are a hot commodity and people want to get out for meals. The there was a recap of upcoming events and the meeting adjourned.

Bill D. Corwin, Scribe



## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28

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

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## Birthdays

March 17 - Beth Goedken March 29 - Bob Moore  
May 16 - Ed Arnold May 27 - Doyle Sanders  
June 1 - Mark McAndrews June 19 - Jim Arthur  
July 7 - Wyatt Earp

## Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
July 17 - TBA	Jim Arthur	Dianne Downing	Joe Kobes	Bets Peters
July 24- TBA	Robert Thole	Wyatt Earp	Donna Larson	Kyle Pieper
July 31 - TBA	LeAnn Auxier	Leray Glendenning	Eric Idehen	Dave Piersel
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Beth by finding your substitute!				