

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Good Day to you, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. I think the biggest thing in our Club this week was the reopening of our weekly meeting. I am pleased with the turnout for the meeting this last week, both live and those joining on Zoom. I am certain that us getting together again, however we are comfortable doing it, will be the start of good things in the world. I want to thank Rob Thole and William W. Corwin for helping as our Zoom hosts during the meeting. I was also want to thank Leray and Jenifer for leading us in song this last week. It always does brighten the mood every Friday to sing our old faithful Smile. I see this is something I will need help with every time we have a live meeting and want to allow Zoom participation. For now, if you are willing to assist, just let me know. I may add this to the Duty Roster, or just take some permanent volunteers to assist. If any Zoomers have a suggestion on how to improve the experience, shoot me an e-mail anytime. Re: Zoom, we will just need to get better at it as we go. It seems we, like everyone else in the world, are involved in the experiment and we just do things as safely as we can and see how it goes, reevaluate and improve. To that end, I am open to suggestions and ideas as we move forward.



I think the Urbandale Golf and Country Club had things set up well for the first time back. It looked like everyone got a meal, and our speaker, Eric, even got his to go. It made me think that if Zoomers would like to pick up a lunch to go at future meetings, we could probably make that happen. Let me know if there is interest in that. I want also to welcome our newest member, Kelly Peterson, to the Club. She gave us a packed 5-minute update on herself, and what a wealth of experience with Rotary and youth services she brings to our Club. I am excited by how her passion and experience for Rotaract and RYLA could affect our Club's activities in years to come. Welcome, Kelly, and glad you chose our Club as your new home base.

Through our Zoom connection, our meeting was visited by our District Governor elect, Alka Khanolkar from the Keokuk club. She had good things to say about the Club, the meeting format, and our speaker. I believe she will have Eric speak to her club at some time soon over Zoom. I am certain her commute was much easier to visit us in this format. As you will see on the schedule, we are back on Zoom next week and back at the UGCC the week after. I am watching the number of cases climb and it does give me some concern about our live meetings. Unless I hear a lot of points to the contrary, I do plan to keep the schedule we have been discussing. I will emphasize that you can choose the level or participation that is right for you; I will monitor attendance on both formats and look to re-evaluate, to add more in-person meetings or stay the same as July, for the August schedule later this month. There's another thought I want to put out there. We had one guest this week who is a potential member, brought by Eric. I know how welcoming our Club is, the relaxed and fun atmosphere in which we conduct our meetings, the vast opportunities for providing Service Above Self. We have the whole package. I challenge you all to bring a guest to a meeting as soon as you can. If they have a servant's heart and get to meet our Club, they will probably want to join.

Thanks for all you do to make good in the world.

July 17, 2020

***This Week's Program:***

Aubrey Alvarez  
Eat Greater Des Moines

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Jim Arthur

Invocation:

Dianne Downing

Sergeant:

Joe Kobes

Scribe:

Bets Peters

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### Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

7/24: UGCC + ZOOM

7/31: ZOOM Mtg

8/7: UGCC + ZOOM

## Other 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)

## 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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## Scribbles

### *Eric Idehen* *Hope Orphanage*

Our fellow Rotarian Eric's comments focused on both a review of the country of Nigeria where he was born and an overview of the organization he founded here in the USA named "Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage." Eric has migrated from Nigeria through Ukraine, Spain, and England and finally landed here in Des Moines. He has multiple University degrees and speaks eight languages.

### NIGERIA

Nigeria gained its independence from the United Kingdom on October 1, 1960. It has 66 ethnic groups who speak in different dialects but English is the official language of the country. The government operates on a federal, state and local basis. Adulthood is only recognized at age 40 when an individual may enter the "Council of Elders."

### CORNERSTONE OF HOPE ORPHANAGE

Founded in 2006 and located in Benin City, Nigeria, the orphanage has 15 beds and can support up to 50 children at one time. It accepts all children under the age of 18, and assists children reaching 18 in pursuing college education or transitioning into adult living outside the orphanage. It has found permanent homes for 76 children since its opening in 2006; 13 children were adopted in the United States and 63 were adopted in Nigeria. The mission to provide a high quality of life and promising future to each child at the Cornerstone of Hope Orphanage continues to be the number one priority.

Scribe, Bob Moore



## Future Information



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
July 24- TBA	Robert Thole	Wyatt Earp	Donna Larson	Kyle Pieper
July 31 - TBA	LeAnn Auxier	Leray Glendenning	Eric Idehen	Dave Piersel
Aug 7 - TBA	Dan Boes	Bill Grask	Jim Lipscomb	Jenifer M-K
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Beth by finding your substitute!				