



Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

It is great to see some many of us joining together for lunch in these last few months. So many great speakers, and so many good conversations getting caught up with one another. We suspended zoom last week and for this coming week. The board will take up zoom as a topic for our meeting Tuesday. We are into a new Rotary year with a new President of Rotary International, and a new District Governor, as well. Our new president, Shekhar Mehta, is from West Bengal, India. Shekar brings us the new theme for Rotary this year, Service To Change Lives. He points out that as we serve it not only changes the lives of those we serve, but our own lives, as well. This is something we have all experienced in our time in Rotary, I am certain.



Rotary is so much more than lunch and a speaker. Our new District Governor, Alka Khanolkar, has also hit the ground running. She is visiting all the clubs as quickly as possible. Our date for her visit is October 15 of this year. She brings us an Acronym to help us remember the ways we serve: W-E H-E-L-P (standing for) Water, Education, Health and Wellness, Environment, Literacy, Peace and Conflict Resolution. Alka challenges all of District 6000 and our Club to create the awareness, prevent Human Trafficking and protect children and our youth. She also wants us to continue to practice the 5th Way Test and have some fun. Our Club is ready with some existing projects and may need to look for some new ones to achieve these goals. Our Coats for Kids will assist youth in our area directly. Our global grant project we are starting to work on in Nigeria will for sure assist with health and wellness and work to save lives. We will need to brainstorm on what we can do this year to assist with the new call re: Human Trafficking. I would welcome any ideas.

We do have some fun coming up. August 6, we will be enjoying a night at the I-Cubs. Please get the number of tickets you need to Diane Downing ASAP. She is at lowagirlddn@gmail.com or you can text her at 515-250-2234. We have two parking passes we will auction off at our July 30 meeting.

We also have our Annual Golf Tournament coming up on September 17. If you wish to sponsor the tournament, register a foursome, or provide give some door prizes or gifts to the players, contact Ed Arnold at edarnold1945@gmail.com or 515-979-6215. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist us the day of the tournament. This will be our meeting that week.

I will not be with you this Friday, as my family and I are on vacation. In advance I thank Kelly Peterson for filling in for me. You are all in charge of the good we do this week and as always you get all the credit. It is always a busy time of the year and thank you for your commitment to the Club and the work that we are doing.

Scribbles...

Curtis Brown Assistant Urbandale City Manager

"Urbandale Grab Bag"

Six Projects to Know About:

I. Coyote Ridge Trail: Building a trail to connect with existing trail at Waterford Rd & W142.



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July 23, 2021

This Week's Program:

Melissa Grandischnig
Central IA Shelter & Svs.

Arranged By:

Danny Mielneczek

Greeter:

Jim Lipscomb

Invocation:

Dave Piersel

Sergeant:

Wendi Wilson

Scribe:

Leray Glendenning

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

7/30: Kezia Knight
Blank Park Zoo

8/6: No Meeting
Iowa Cubs Game

8/13: Chris Andrews
Cyclone Sports Properties

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)

**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**

Phone: 515-237-2203 Fax: 515-237-2283

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II. Barrett Park Natural Playground and interactive new playground with environmental learning opportunities.

III. Walnut Creek Regional Park and Open Space : Improvement and beautification of area

IV. Walnut Creek Regional Park Shelter: Shelter for a gathering space of up to 100 people

V. Waterford Road: Beautification, curbs & gutters, resurfacing

VI. Douglas Avenue: Beautification, curbs & gutters, resurfacing

Parks & Public Works Maintenance Facility:

- 155,000 square feet
- Combines like operations
- Fall of 2021
- Will serve entire fleet of the city
- Public works offices will move

Railroad Crossings:

Aurora & Douglas (at 100th)

- Repair or replace
- Smoother over tracks
- Expect delays

New Recreation Facility:

- In Walnut Creek Regional Park
- Community Survey to determine use
- Multiple Options including: Eastern Splash Pads, Community Center, Pickleball Courts, Aquatic Center with indoor and/or outdoor pools
- Playgrounds

2021 Building Pace:

- 2020- 244 Single Family Dwelling Permits
- 6th highest on record
- Through June 2021-184 Single Family Dwelling Permits
- More than the entire year in 2014-2019

New Comprehensive Community Plan:

Community engagement to determine what they want Urbandale to be and what gets build where. (Growth)

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Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Greeter</i> | <i>Invocation</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>Scribe</i> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| July 30 - Blank Park Zoo | Jenifer M-K | Beth Goedken | Jim Arthur | Bill Grask |
| Aug 6 - No Meeting - IA Cubs | No Meeting | No Meeting | No Meeting | No Meeting |
| Aug 13 - Cyclone Sports Properties | Bob Moore | Larry Sample | Shannon Heinen | Brad Helgemo |
| <i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!</i> | | | | |



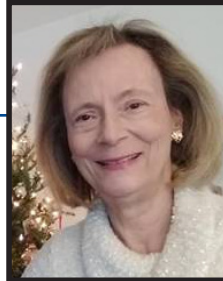
SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines
www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

7/9 Scribbles...

Wendy Blome Spafford
Childrens' Center



The Spafford Children's Center traces its history to 1925. Horatio Spafford, the speaker's great-grandfather, was a Chicago businessman. He suffered some terrible family losses: his four daughters were killed in a maritime disaster; while traveling across the Atlantic to join his wife, who had survived, he wrote the poem that eventually became the hymn, *It Is Well With My Soul*. Then after he and his wife had a new family, his infant son died.

Horatio, his wife and their remaining two daughters relocated to Jerusalem with some other families, and established the American Colony mission, where they provided services to Christians, Moslems and Jews, whoever was in need. They established a lace making and sewing school for women, helped educate girls in an orphanage, and ran soup kitchens and hospitals during World War I. They did not proselytize; they engaged in philanthropic work as part of their Christian faith.

On Christmas Eve of 1925, one of the daughters was asked to help a Bedouin man whose pregnant wife was in distress. Hospital were all closed, so the mission took in the family; the mother died but the child survived, yet the father felt he could not take care of the infant, and so the Mission took in the child; soon other orphans were brought to them for assistance, and the Spafford Baby Home was established. Over time, the Home developed into a 60-bed children's hospital. Following the 1967 war, it converted into an outpatient clinic, also providing preventative medical services.

Today, the Spafford Children's Center (SCC) is located in East Jerusalem, and primarily serves the children of the Palestinian community, who deal with the daily traumas of living in a divided and occupied city. They provide educational, medical, psychological and therapeutic services and resources to the children and their families, in small classes, with never more than three children assigned to one teacher.

COVID-19 had the expected impact on the Center, causing it to be closed for several months, barely and briefly reopened when it had to be closed a second time, then again reopened in February. Online classes were difficult at best, given the need for individualized instruction and the lack of computer

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Update on Merle Hey Campus Project:

- 26.5 million awarded by state (30 million needed for project)

Ways to Connect/Get Involved in Your Community:

- Nature Night Out: 8/3 5-7:30- Games, Food, Demos, Information
- Summer Reading at the Library: Reading logs and challenges for both children and adults
- Storytime in the Park: Tuesday 10:00 AM, Thursdays 6:30 PM -Rotates to different parks
- Employment Opportunities
- Service on Commissions and Boards
- Urbandale U-Tube Channel which includes City Council meetings and agendas
- Newsletter

FYI:

- Two Kwik Star stores going in- Plum & 100th St./ Douglas Ave. & 109th
- Door to Door Sales : Must be licensed, current list of licenses is on <http://www.urbandale.org/318/license&peddlers>

Scribe, Kelly Peterson

Upcoming Events

Rotary I-Cubs Night - August 6, 2021

SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual Golf Outing - September 17, 2021

District Governor's Visit - October 15, 2021

Look What's Coming!

First Rotary multi District Conference taking place after seventy-five years in Iowa. District 5970 and District 6000 will come together on April 22nd and 23rd 2022 in Iowa City!



7/9 Scribbles continued...

Wendy Blome Spafford Childrens' Center

facilities. Things are only now returning to some version of “normal,” post-pandemic.

Even before the pandemic, poverty was on the rise in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. According to a recent United Nations report Palestinians suffer economic isolation and more than 80% of Palestinian children in East Jerusalem live in poverty. Since Wendy has visited Jerusalem regularly for over 45 years and twice a year for 20 years, she has come to know many parents who bring their children to SCC. Some of them, and even their mothers and grandmothers, were “Spafford kids.” These parents want their children to grow up to reach their potential and to be healthy and happy in their lives, just like all parents.

The Rotary Club of East Jerusalem (District 2452) is a supporter of the SCC; one of its members currently serves on the Board and is a past chairman, and the Club holds its meetings at the American Colony Hotel.

