

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Good Day to you, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. One week can bring about a lot of changes. We had a great Zoom meeting last week. I led the meeting from a hotel room in Kansas City. The Meeting was attended by our new District Governor, Steve Dakin (from his location in Boone) and our AG Chris Bertelson (from his location in Winterset). Our speaker was excellent and Zoomed in from her Des Moines location, I believe. Our Club is using the technology at our disposal to its fullest, to join us together. I believe this will be a strength for us in the coming months. I want to get us back together as soon as it is safe. We hit a snag on that goal this week with the Urbandale Golf and Country Club. In the last week they did shut down dining operations due to an employee testing positive for COVID-19. They are reviewing and updating their plans on how to reopen dining safely for us and the club members. It was thought they might be able to host us this week, but I thought, better safe than sorry and changed back to Zoom for our meeting this week, 7-24 and will keep 7-31-2020 as a Zoom meeting, as well. I am sorry the bulk of this article is about the schedule, but it is something that is taking some time and thought each week on how to proceed. Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we find our path to what works.



Other than our meeting schedule, there is still a lot to do. The club is still open and will be hosting our annual Golf Tournament on September 18, 2020. Get your foursomes registered with Ed Arnold. We are seeking sponsorships currently, as well. We are also in full swing selling our raffle tickets, benefiting the charities of the tournaments. All the restaurants on the tickets are open for business and ready to accept the coupons. Along with all that we have the Pickleball Tournament in October and will have another CFUM meal to provide in not-too-distant future. I really needed to get some of the great things we are doing listed in this article, in addition to the schedule issues. Another reminder: we would love to see some like-minded guests coming to the meetings on Zoom or face-to-face. The Club will still buy a guest their first lunch when they come check us out. The Zoom meeting as a guest will not take away the free lunch at a face-to-face meeting in the future.

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

Scribbles...

Aubrey Alvarez Eat Greater Des Moines

We were privileged to have Aubrey Alvarez, the Executive Director of Eat Greater Des Moines, share with us at our meeting. Aubrey, a native of Red Oak, Iowa, has been with Eat Greater Des Moines for the last seven years. Eat Greater Des Moines is an Iowa-based nonprofit organization with the mission to unite the community by providing quality food access for all. The main way Aubrey explained to us today is through food rescue. Aubrey estimates that in the areas her organization serves, the Iowa counties of Polk,

Dallas, Warren and Madison, there are 30 million pounds of quality edible food thrown away each year. Eat Greater Des Moines has to-date been able in a year to divert as much as 6 million pounds of food from the landfills and assist in getting it to organizations that can serve it to people who need it. She sees a large opportunity to rescue as much of the 30 million pounds each year as possible. Some sources that they are already working with to rescue food would be caterers, restaurants,



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July 24, 2020

This Week's Program:

Barb Ranck
9 Personality Types
-- Zoom Only --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Robert Thole

Invocation:

Wyatt Earp

Sergeant:

Donna Larson

Scribe:

Kyle Pieper

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Future Programs Meeting Type Subject To Change

7/31: ZOOM Mtg
Jane Armstrong
Small Business
Administration

8/7: ZOOM Mtg

8/14: ZOOM Mtg

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ektQNzNM3NVJpTkZkVHZGcXoybWsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 371508

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

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Birthdays
July 24 Pat Arthur

Scribe, Bill D. Corwin

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
July 31 - TBA	LeAnn Auxier	Leray Glendenning	Eric Idehen	Dave Piersel
Aug 7 - TBA	Dan Boes	Bill Grask	Jim Lipscomb	Jenifer M-K
Aug 14 - TBA	Bill W. Corwin	Matt Nelson	Robert Thole	Larry Sample
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Beth by finding your substitute!				

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grocery stores and convenience stores, to name some. They have created a smart phone app called Chow Bank that is now used daily to connect people who have leftover food with those who can use the food, and to distribute it to the food insecure. Some of the locations that use the food that Eat Greater Des Moines collects are Central Iowa Shelter Services, the Food Bank of Iowa, Hope Ministries, the Ronald McDonald House, Boys and Girls clubs, and after school programs, to name only a few.

She did highlight one program that has been very successful and feeds many thousands of hungry Iowans: from the 40 Kum and Go stores in our area they collect prepared food that goes beyond their internal freshness date of 72 hours. This would include sandwiches, wraps, salads, yogurts, and another items. They have partnered with Wesley Acres meals on wheels to collect this food on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. This effort on its own has created a 3=million dollar tax break for Kum and Go and fed over 775,000 meals in a one-year timeframe. This is one of many programs they are involved in that allow them to move toward their goal of building communities through food.

When asked what people and groups can do to assist her organization in its mission, she had some specific suggestions. Advocacy is needed. Ask our grocers or favorite restaurants and caterers what they do with leftover edible but unsaleable food. Get them in contact with Eat Greater Des Moines, they will do the rest.

Aubrey gave us an enthusiastic presentation filled with details and some challenges for all of us. I want to say thank you again to Ed for arranging it, and Aubrey for such a powerful message.