

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Good Day to you, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. First, a reminder that this week our visit from our District Governor. Steve and Lesley Dakin will be the program at our meeting. Steve believes strongly that Rotarians need to be having fun. He exemplifies that, and I look forward to hosting them at our Club this week. The theme for this week's Prez Sez is looking at how Rotary has affected my day-to-day time outside of Rotary or the Rotary meeting. Big picture, I could say something heavy, like the 4-way test, but I will leave that for a future article. Today is about raspberry cake. We had a great zoom meeting last week and thanks to all who assisted. I would like to request again if you cannot fulfill your duties that you find a sub and let me know who it is ahead of time. Our volunteer Sergeant Wendy Wilson told us about Friday being raspberry cake day, along with many other interesting facts about July 31st. That fact stuck with me all day Friday, and I was extremely interested in finding some raspberry cake to celebrate the holiday. When I arrived home after work, my wife Lisa and I took off on foot for a nightly stroll and chat. We ended up at HyVee near our home, at the bakery counter, asking for, you guessed it: raspberry cake. There was none available, but I was able to inform the bakery employee of that day's significance re: raspberry cake, she was unaware. Friday ended with no raspberry cake being found. I assumed I would have to wait a year to celebrate.



Friday. I also got to confirm our time to work on the back packs, and speak to Laura Holms, someone I would not have met except through my involvement with Rotary. I did work Saturday, covering for an employee who had a son's baseball tournament he wanted to attend. I worked in his place and he was able to go. At one of the games he attended, his son's last at-bat was a game-winning home run. He texted me a huge thank-you for helping him out. While at work, I was able to make our service project available to the salespeople in my department as an optional ATech Sales Cares project. If any of them take up the opportunity, they will experience what we in Rotary experience regularly, the joy of serving others. This is something I think of more often, being a Rotarian. I also have ready-made projects to invite people to assist with.

After work on Saturday, on the way home, I remembered that Nothing Bunt Cakes had a white chocolate raspberry cake as a standard flavor. I stopped in and picked one up for a dessert after dinner with the family. They all enjoyed the cake and when they asked why I told them of what I learned Friday. I did celebrate the holiday, but I was a day late. The cake was just as delicious. I think that as a busy sales professional, I do not always take time to look for the fun, quirky or trivial in my day-to-day life. Places to go, people to see, things to do, and all seeming especially important. My commitment to Rotary forces me to take a moment to learn about and celebrate things that are outside my standard knowledge base and relatively unimportant, compared to work and family. When I remember to share them with others, it becomes a juicy part of life. Our Club is a place where we can be educated about such things and when we take them with us, we can be a bright spot to others.

It is true that the world can use some bright spots these days. I say thank you to our Club for arming me with ways to be a bright spot to others in my day-to-day. As write this, I do not know how many will be able to assist at the UCAN Pack the Backpack event this Wednesday. I will say "Thank You" in advance to all who can and get an update out at the meeting. Another reminder that 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. Someone attending a zoom meeting as a guest will not take away the Club-provided lunch at a face-to-face meeting in the future.

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

August 7, 2020

This Week's Program:

Steve Dakin
District Governor

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Dan Boes

Invocation:

Bill Grask

Sergeant:

Jim Lipscomb

Scribe:

Jenifer M-K

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

8/14: UGCC + ZOOM

8/21: UGCC + ZOOM

8/28: 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)

Scribbles

Jane Armstrong Covid Impact on SBA

The program for the July 31st meeting was presented by Jayne Armstrong, from the Iowa branch of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). She discussed Covid-19 relief for small businesses and non-profit groups, and began by praising the resilience and work ethic of Iowa small businesses. She also recognized all the lenders who have stepped up to assist.

The SBA in Iowa has been steadily downsized over the years and the remaining staff have put in overtime during the pandemic. Of the various ways to assist, debt relief has been major! A disaster of this magnitude has never been seen, and the CARES act has provided for expansion of the Paycheck Protection Program. In Iowa, relief has indeed been getting to the right places, and there have been a record number of loans. Sixty percent (as opposed to the earlier seventy-five percent requirement) of the total loan amount must go toward payroll for a business to qualify for full loan forgiveness. The current program ends August 8th.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans constitute another part of SBA aid. This program has been a challenge for Iowa (and the agricultural sector in particular), since it was one of the last states to get a "disaster" designation.

There was discussion of some new tools, including counseling and training. The *Women's Business Center* and the *Veterans' Business Outreach* are important special programs. Now it is a matter of waiting to see what the next round of assistance will look like.

David Piersel, Scribe

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18

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

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ektQNZM3NVJpTkZkVHZGcXoybWsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 371508

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Greeter</u> | <u>Invocation</u> | <u>Sergeant</u> | <u>Scribe</u> |
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| Aug 14 - TBA | Bill W. Corwin | Matt Nelson | Robert Thole | Larry Sample |
| Aug 21 - TBA | Kelly Peterson | Danny Mielneczek | Mark McAndrews | Doyle Sanders |
| Aug 28 - TBA | Dianne Downing | Beth Goedken | Jenifer M-K | Randy Taber |
| <i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Beth by finding your substitute! | | | | |