

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Good Day to you, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. A great week in the Club, for certain. I want to specifically say thank you to all those who helped packing the packs this last Wednesday. Bill W, Bill D, Ellen Corwin, Bob and Donna Moore, and Beth Goedken were our Club's packing crew. We arrived at the UCAN warehouse house, food pantry, and clothing warehouse. It is the original Palmer's Deli location on Douglas in the Cedar Valley Shopping Center. Laura had a stockpile of supplies from notebooks, folders, glue sticks, Elmer's glue bottles, rules, and of course masks and hand sanitizer for the backpacks. She had 2 sizes of back packs: smaller packs for K -5 and larger for kids 6-12 grade. I would guess she has been hustling for donations for quite a while for this program. I know our donation to assist with the costs was helpful. We were all masked up for safety and we got our instructions. Laura had all the lists from the teachers for each grade level. We started each packing our own pack all the way down. Once the Moores arrived, Beth had the great idea to get an assembly line going. We arranged all the items in order of the list and started packing high school packs as a team. Within a short time we had 45+ high school packs done and had run out of folders and graph paper. Laura went for supplies, we regrouped and rearranged the line for 2nd and 3rd grade packs. Laura before she left let us know she had lunch for us. We built the younger age packs and ran out of pencils and erasers. We then built what we could and waited for supplies. We broke for lunch and the when Laura came back we finished the packs we had started and then called it a day. That was about 1:30pm. When I think of what we can do in 90 minutes with 6 Rotarians I am amazed. Laura was incredibly grateful for the help, and I am certain the children that get the backs packs and their parents will be as well.



Later in the week before our regular meeting, our board met with District Governor Steve Dakin. I was proud and impressed as he reviewed his questionnaire asked us about the Club. Our Club's heart for service was something I felt honored to share with Steve and Lesley Dakin. It came through in the questions the board raised about how to get more involved nationally, how to do a better job on our existing projects and how other clubs are growing. Your board is up to the challenge of how to continue doing what we do and grow our outreach as needed as we do it. I wanted you all to know that truth as I see it.

Then Sunday morning, we got Money Money Money, from District 6000 from the grant President Beth applied for. We heard the check is in the mail from Steve, on Friday. It arrived at my house on Sunday and was delivered to our treasurer on Monday. This money will allow us to continue to assist with the Josh the Baby Otter program again this year. It was another week packed with our Club providing Service Above Self, and setting us up to continue it in the future as well. 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.

Scribbles...

Steve Dakin District Governor

A few reminders from Friday's meeting:

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 18. Lunch will be at 11:30, with a

shotgun start at 12:15. Keep working on recruiting foursomes to play, plus the Club will appreciate it if people will donate prize baskets to award at the end of the event.

The Pickleball Tournament is still on for 10/10/2020. Raffle ticket sales are actually doing amazingly well, with Ed in the lead

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August 14, 2020

This Week's Program:

Michele Mead
Immanuel Pathways

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Bill W. Corwin

Invocation:

Matt Nelson

Sergeant:

Robert Thole

Scribe:

Larry Sample

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

8/21: UGCC + ZOOM

8/28: UGCC + ZOOM

9/4: UGCC + ZOOM

Scribbles continued...

but Danny close behind. The drawing for the all-cash prizes will be the week after the Tournament. Remember to promote the coupons on the back, which will not only get the buyers a good deal at local restaurants, basically paying for the ticket, but also supports the restaurants, which are hurting for business during our pandemic situation.

The Des Moines-area Multi-Club meeting will take place online, on Tuesday, October 20, starting at 4:30. The topic is going to be drug/substance abuse, with a panel of speakers from the community. There will not be any registration fees, nor will there be any break-out sessions. The usual "vendor" show will instead consist of videos from area service providers. The Committee is interested in getting sponsors, both to defray the few costs involved and to be able to make contributions to those same participating providers.

Bill D. is looking for a Zoom Manager to help handle the meetings we are broadcasting (which is all of them of course!).

Ed reported on the progress of polio immunization; three countries are still struggling, with too many new cases, plus the COVID pandemic has led Afghanistan to suspend immunization as it works to control that pandemic.

Our speaker was District Governor Steve Dakin, rocking his purple beard (more on that, later). Steve has been a Rotarian since 1975, when a loan officer at his bank suggested he check it out (he got the loan, too). He hails from Boone, where his club recently facilitated relocating a big train en-

engine to a highway at the entrance to town, and now a park surrounding it is in development. Steve firmly believes that Rotarians must have FUN, hence his weekly message of encouragement and amusement.

Steve's goal is to launch four satellite clubs this year – that is, new clubs of 15 or so members, launched by "parent" clubs. These are meant to appeal to members who might not fit into the traditional meeting mode. Boone just launched one, and it even recruited members from his own club, who needed to accommodate changes in job schedules. This also fits in with a new idea in Rotary, to promote cause-based clubs: many of the new satellite club members are school teachers. Rotary has added a new, seventh area of focus, the environment, which also fits the cause-based concept.

Steve is very attuned to the philosophies of the new RI President, Holger Knaack, who is particularly interested in youth and their concerns; Mr. Knaack and his wife have hosted many international exchange students in their home, and Steve thinks RYLA is an outstanding program for producing future leaders in the community: watch the kids take charge!

About that purple beard: Steve wears it to honor the purple pinkie, which is used to identify children who have been immunized from polio; this prevents them from circling around at an immunization event to get another dose, since the volunteers tend to encourage participation by handing out trinkets. One to a customer!

Jenifer M-K, Scribe

Upcoming Events Board Meeting Tuesday, August 18

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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
August 10 Bets Peters

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Aug 21 - TBA	Kelly Peterson	Danny Mielneczek	Mark McAndrews	Doyle Sanders
Aug 28 - TBA	Dianne Downing	Beth Goedken	Jenifer M-K	Randy Taber
Sep 4 - TBA	Wyatt Earp	Marv Johnson	Danny Mielneczek	Julia Taylor
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!</i>				