

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

I subscribe to the principle that where there is a will there is a way at the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. Along with the rest of the world, we are in a global pandemic. We have hundreds of children in several schools throughout our service area, who are coming to rely on us for their warm coats. With the projected increased need, this is likely to be a 10+ thousand-dollar project this year. One thought we had to cover the cost of the project this year was a Prairie Meadows grant. We applied and all looked good for the grant, until due to COVID, Prairie Meadows was forced to suspend all donations. Another thought we had was using the proceeds from the raffle to cover the costs. We then found out we would not be able to sell tickets at the HyVee Stores this year. This made ticket sales tougher. Thank you to everyone who is finding new ways to sell the tickets this year. Do not forget about the Gilroy's Saturday and Sunday Bruch (\$19.95 value) being included 2 for one with our coupon. Lisa and I are going a week from Sunday.



This week, we got some more good news. Good things happen to those who stay busy. Last week we had our increased funds from the golf tournament. This week we received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Endow Urbandale grant committee. This is great news, as we are now a long way towards being able to meet our coat commitment for this year. And do not forget, we have our Pickleball Tournament on the 10th of October! We are getting more players every day and it is shaping up well. I still want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary (in person or via zoom), and send me an article on how you are responding to the changes brought about by COVID in your work, your play or your family. I believe your creativity and persistence will be inspirational to anyone who reads it. I really appreciate the Club members who have already written me with their experiences.

To everyone reading this message, thanks for all you do for the good of others

## Scribbles...

### Kevin Schneider Polk County Sheriff

Our speaker, Polk County Sheriff, Kevin J. Schneider, provided much information about the Department and the services they provide. Sheriff Schneider is a 31-year veteran of the Department, being appointed Sheriff by the Board of Supervisors on December 18, 2018. He is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and has continued his criminal justice training, graduating from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and is also a graduate of the Iowa Certified Public Managers Programs from the State of Iowa and Drake University.

The mission of the Polk County Sheriff's office is to preserve the integrity of the law through proactive community involvement and advances in technology to detect and solve crimes and enhance public safety

communications, and will effectively use all available resources to protect and serve the public. Nearly 200 Department employees provide communication and dispatch services for 16 County Law enforcement agencies and 15 Fire Departments. They also manage a 1500 inmate capacity holding facility, provide safety and patrol services for unincorporated Polk County, Altoona, Bondurant, Grimes, Elkhart, Saylorville Lake and the County Courthouse. In addition, they provide civil and criminal court services by executing court orders and eviction notices. The department also has four officers dedicated to training and assisting others with dealing with individuals with mental health issues.



Ed Arnold, Scribe

October 2, 2020

**This Week's Program:**

**Kelly Peterson-Cruse**

Campfire Iowa

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Beth Goedken

Invocation:

Jim Lipscomb

Sergeant:

Dave Piersel

Scribe:

Jim Arthur

### 2020-21 Officers & Directors

Bill D. Corwin, President  
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### Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

**10/9:** Jan Milroy  
 Living History Farms  
 UGCC + Zoom

**10/16:** Sam Gabriel  
 Genesis Youth Foundation  
 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)

## Golf Outing Pics!



## Upcoming Events

**Pickleball Tournament** Saturday, October 10

## 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:

**Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski**

Phone: 515-237-2203 Fax: 515-237-2283  
jmercerc-klimowski@emenl.com

## Email Address Change??

The Nor'Wester is emailed on a weekly basis except when we do not have a regular meeting; please let Jenifer M-K know if your email changes. THANKS!

## Birthdays

September 18 Helen Turner

September 28 Roger Nyberg



## Future Information



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<i><b>Program</b></i>	<i><b>Greeter</b></i>	<i><b>Invocation</b></i>	<i><b>Sergeant</b></i>	<i><b>Scribe</b></i>
Oct 9 - Living History Farms	Marv Johnson	Mark McAndrews	Larry Sample	LeAnn Auxier
Oct 16 - Genesis Youth Foundation	Joe Kobes	Kelly Peterson-Cruse	Doyle Sanders	Dan Boes
Oct 23 - TBA	Donna Larson	Danny Mielneczek	Jenifer M-K	Bill W. Corwin
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				





## Scribbles...

*Laura Holms*

UCANN



UCAN director, Laura Holms presented at our meeting on September 11, 2020 to discuss how UCAN, Urbandale Community Action Network, is responding to community needs. Laura mentioned that the focus on human services is especially important as the City of Urbandale does not have a human services department similar to other surrounding communities, such as West Des Moines and the City of Des Moines. UCAN is a catalyst for positive action by implementing programs that are beneficial to Urbandale residents. They have a budget of about \$223,000.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the senior outreach, lunch program, transportation services and Back-to-School backpack program typically offered through UCAN have all been reduced. The Fall 2020 programs do include the following, so everyone's support is appreciated:

Pancake Dinner-Sept. 24 - with delivery  
Autumn Basket Assembly/Delivery  
Salute for Seniors  
Fall Clean-up day  
Light up Urbandale

Laura listed the following needs that are continuing but are also limited. The clothing store specifically is only open 2 days/week.

Food Supply distribution  
Employment Search/Support  
Expanding employment services  
Holiday programming  
Winter clothing support  
Teacher support

UCAN continues to reach out for support so they may fulfil their mission of enhancing everyone's, as Laura said. They are an important non-profit group in the community, and they appreciate the support provided to them by our Rotary Club, as well.

Donna Larson, Scribe

## *Kelly Peterson-Cruse / Covid 19 A Rotarians Response*

I have been a Rotarian for over 20 years. I first joined Rotary when I moved to a new town and had just bought a business. It was a seasonal summer camp and the "off" season was a little isolating, as I worked and lived at camp with only 2 off-season employees. Rotary introduced me and connected me to the community, involved me in worthwhile service projects both locally and aboard. My daughter became involved in Interact and we hosted RYE students. I met lifelong friends. I served as a committee chair and eventually as President, I knew I would always be a Rotarian.

When that chapter of my life closed and I moved to a new state and a new community, the first thing I did was find a Rotary Club. This one, a little smaller, but still considered the "fun club" of the area. I again became involved with service projects, served as a committee chair, and was asked to be President Elect, not knowing that my life would change courses once again. I made great friends and had become connected to the community. When my job situation changed, and I eventually accepted a new job 2,000 away from the city I now called home, the goodbye was very different. The pandemic was upon us and the entire state of Nevada was on lock down. Our club had switched to an online format, there was no gathering for those last hugs and fellowship time together. I said goodbye to a screen full of squares with faces of those who I had come to know and love. We waved to each other on the screen and said, "Goodbye for now, please come visit anytime."

I arrived in Iowa at first alone and ahead of my husband and dogs and lived in a hotel for 6 weeks and work partly remotely. Even though much of my new city was closed, I started looking around the internet to seek information about the Rotary Clubs in this area. Despite this pandemic I knew I would/could/should find my new Rotary Family. We bought a house in West Des Moines, so I started to narrow my search. Then I stumbled upon the website for the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines. I saw smiling faces, I saw people involved in projects, not just people holding checks... I read your newsletter and it was uplifting and positive and had a "Pickle Ball" event that intrigued me, so I sent in an inquiry. I immediately heard from Beth who invited me to a "socially distant" coffee meeting. She talked highly about the club (and emphasized the "fun" factor), her hobbies and travels and made suggestions about places to check out in my new community. I felt welcomed and connected! I visited an online meeting; people were friendly, and the meeting went smoothly. I knew I had found my club. My first in-person meeting felt like I had never skipped a beat as a Rotarian, aside from the "unique" culture and traditions that comes with each club. I look forward to our meetings because with the lingering pandemic I do not "get out much" and beyond my 2 employees in my office, and my husband, do not have a lot of interaction with others (outside of what seems to be ENDLESS ZOOM meetings). Rotary again has been my beacon of light as I start the next chapter of my life. I am so glad I found this club and look forward to our time together in Service, Fellowship and of course Fun!