

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

My job this week is to deliver and amplify a message from the players, our Club and the children we support with our 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament, to everyone involved.

To our sponsors of the Tournament and the raffle, namely, Dr. Wendi Wilson from Advanced Eye Care, Danny Mielneczek with Country Financial, Beth Goedken with Go Big Promotions, ATech/Easy Living Store, Smash Park, The Corwin Family, The Kobes Family, Hummel's Nissan, HyVee, Fareway, Natural Grocers, Gilroy's, Jethro's BBQ, Ruby Tuesday, The



Urban Grill and Urbandale Golf and Country Club: Thank you for your support this year. It was much appreciated by everyone.

To our Tournament Director Kyle Piper: The term well run was used by the players over and over. It is the time you spend, and your commitment keep things on time and on track. The players and I appreciated your commitment to the 4-way Test as you ran the Tournament play with such a professional manner. The overwhelming comment we got back was "very well-run Tournament."

To our volunteers working on site, selling raffle tickets and serving on the committee: Thanks for all your time and energy. Thanks to our non-Rotarian volunteers from the Des Moines Metro Pickleball Club and our families. The players felt welcome and taken care of while we were together. All our efforts will be rewarded when we look at the fundraising totals of our project.

To the Board of the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines: Thank you for taking a chance 3 years ago, on the idea of the Pickleball Tournament as a possible fund raiser. It has shown to be popular with players, and supporters of the Club and we keep getting better at it each year. The overall message is thank you for your support of Pickleball For A Purpose. It is a team effort and thank you from me, the players and the children we are helping. Early numbers are in and it looks like we will raise over \$8,000.00 for the Tournament this year. Any additional raffle ticket sales will grow this number. Thank you and great job by all.

I would really like articles on how you are moving ahead in the wake of COVID. The stories that have been shared so far are inspirational at the least and can even be informative to others when shared. This week I am going go outside the Club and publish a story I found.

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.

Bill Corwin

October 16, 2020

This Week's Program:

Sam Gabriel

Genesis Youth Foundation

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Eric Idehen

<u>Greeter:</u>

Matt Nelson

Invocation:

Kelly Peterson-Cruse

<u>Sergeant:</u>

Jenifer M-K

Scribe:

Dan Boes

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

10/23: TBA UGCC + Zoom

10/30: TBA UGCC + Zoom

Scribbles...

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

CFUM Monday, October 26

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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Jan Milroy Living History Farms



Our speaker for our Oct. 9 meeting was Jan Milroy of Living History Farms, who has been a valuable member of their team for 31 years and will soon retire.

COVID has affected most of life on this planet, as it has the programs and activities of "The Farms." The Farms opened for outside activities on June 1. The following programs have been offered since opening: Summer Day Camp, Homeschool Day and the six-night Halloween event. The Applefest, and The Funeral event typical of the late 1800's are scheduled on succeeding weekends.

The most popular educational events are the Blacksmith Shop and Harnessing the Percheron horses.

The 1900 Farm Tours anchor the experiences offered at Living History Farms, which celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year in 2020. Among the most notable events held at Living History Farms over the years were the visit of the Pope in 1978 and the more recent visit of President Obama.

Popular and well attended, the 1800's meals have been offered over the years. The Farms also offer some of their facilities for rent, including the Church for weddings and other events

To continue to be relevant in COVID times, The Farms will offer virtual programming, as opposed to the Road Show it usually takes around the state. The Farms close for the season on Oct. 16.

50 years ago, Professor Bill Murray of Iowa State University realized a dream of education regarding our agricultural roots, and it has become a very valuable resource for the Urbandale community and beyond, as one of the most visited attractions in the State of Iowa.

Mary Johnson, Scribe

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
Program	Greeter	Invocation	Sergeant	<u>Scribe</u>
Oct 23 - TBA	Donna Larson	Danny Mielneczek	Doyle Sanders	Bill W. Corwin
Oct 30 - TBA	Eric Idehen	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor	Beth Goedken
Nov 6 - TBA	Jim Lipscomb	Bets Peters	Tim Olenjniczak	Dianne Downing
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



Pickleball Pics!













Covid 19 A Story From the Internet

This College Student and Her Mom Designed Masks to Help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



So inspiring to see that in this crazy time there are people who are helping others navigate through craziness!

Birthdays October 10 Dianne Downing

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!