

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

Another busy week in the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines.

We still have 10 days of raffle ticket sales to go. We will draw in the meeting a week from this Friday. Due to our reduced sales this year, anyone who has purchased the tickets has a better-than-ever chance, for sure. I can personally vouch for the BBQ at Jethro's, the Breakfast Brunch at Gilroy's, and this weekend the Mama's meat ball appetizer at the Urban Cellar. All meals were delicious and saving money with my Rotary Coupons made it taste even sweeter. Thank you in advance for finishing strong on the raffle.

Brenda Auxier-Mailey has been hard at work behind the scenes. She got the coat order into the supplier late last week. We have a 30 % increase in coats than last year. We will need your time and labor to sort and iron on the labels again this year. We will use Friday's meeting as a workday, so please bring an ironing board and iron to the meeting. LeAnn Auxier is going to head up the sort and iron and deliver the coats this year. We will also work at Brenda's garage on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. See the details and the sign-ups attached to the newsletter email. As it snowed today as I am writing this message, I think we are right on time with the coats, for sure.

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. Thank you to the Club member who got us an article this week to publish in the newsletter.

I want to apologize for all the technical difficulties this last week, during our meeting. I did figure out what I did incorrectly and will have it corrected this next week. I do so appreciate Mark Mc Andrews' assistance with the zoom and Danny's assistance with the computer presentation. Proof again that it takes all our efforts to keep the Club moving ahead.

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...

### Sam Gabriel Genesis Youth Foundation

Sam Gabriel spoke this week about his passion and business. Sam arrived from Liberia in 1997 as a refugee youth. Because of his journey to find his place in the US, Sam and his wife started the Genesis Youth Foundation in 2013. Genesis provides the services refugee children need to level the playing field, while empowering them and their immigrant families through athletic play, education, dance and song. They embrace the many languages of the community while building solid grounds where their play will become the work that changes the world.



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October 23, 2020

**This Week's Program:**

**Winter Coat**

Working Day

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Ed Arnold

Greeter:

Donna Larson

Invocation:

Danny Mielneczek

Sergeant:

Doyle Sanders

Scribe:

Bill W. Corwin

### 2020-21 Officers & Directors

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### Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

**10/30:** Scott Eriksen &

Bill Summers

Funeral Planning

UGCC + Zoom

**11/6:** Scott Allen

IA Bonsai Association

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)

## 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:

**Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski**

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## 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



October 19 Larry Sample

## Future Information



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Oct 30 - TBA	Eric Idehen	Bob Moore	Julia Taylor	Beth Goedken
Nov 6 - TBA	Jim Lipscomb	Bets Peters	Tim Olenjniczak	Dianne Downing
Nov 13 - TBA	Kelly Peterson-Cruse	Kyle Pieper	Wendi Wilson	Wyatt Earp
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				

## This & That

## Scribe Continued...

When refugees arrive to the US, most of the programs are designed for the families and parents and the youth. Parents arrive in survival mode and don't understand the value of extracurricular activities. Most of the parents are illiterate and are just happy their kids get to go to school. In Africa, discipline is done in the schools and not at home, so the youth need direction and focus to become productive citizens.

Genesis focuses on soccer and the arts. They use these as a hook to get the youth involved, then provide academic support, and a bridge for the school system. They work to close the academic gap the youth are placed in as they arrive in America. Genesis has 125 youth from West Des Moines in the program.

Scribe, Wendianne Wilson



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
[www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines](http://www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines) / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

## *Covid 19 The Arthurs & The Pandemic*

Jeanella and I moved into the independent living part of Brio of Johnston about a year and a half ago. We left our townhome on the lake with reluctance, but figured that it was time to make the move. Brio is a part of the Wesley Life Network, which includes Brio, Edgewater, Wesley Acres, The Village in Indianola and 7 other communities. We are glad we made the move, because of the opportunities here for exercise, socializing, and healthy eating. We chose Brio because it is midway between the families of our daughter Anne in Grimes and our son (Pat!) in Johnston.

When COVID-19 struck, the staff at Brio took the necessary measures. This included wearing masks when not in our apartments, closing the dining room and delivering meals to our apartments, suspending group activities and halting visits from our families and friends. There have now been no cases of COVID-19 in the independent living area for about 3 months and we are resuming some group activities while continuing to take the necessary precautions.

Within the first couple of months of the pandemic, we lost several friends and acquaintances to the virus. Some of these were from our church, some here at Brio, and there were others who we have known in the Johnston community. One was a friend of over 50 years, another was the husband of a couple we had befriended here at Brio. His wife had to quarantine, so she was alone much of the time after his death. We have been able to visit our local families outside or in their garages. Both our daughter and daughter-in-law teach, so we have been even more careful around them since school resumed. We visit with all 5 of our kids, and their families once a week on Zoom.

The two of us are actually doing quite well, doing a lot of reading, working jigsaw puzzles, exercising and watching lots of movies. I miss being a part of the actual Rotary meetings, but am glad to see and hear from you at the Zoom meetings. I hope to be back with you soon.

Jim Arthur

## Mark Your Calendar



SUNDAY,  
November 1st, 2020

