

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

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

As I am writing, this my car is filled to the maximum capacity (5 Large Black Plastic bags) with Warm Coats for Kids at the Urbandale Middle School. These coats will change the children's day, week, and winter in a positive way. Even beyond that, they will know that an additional someone or some people care about them enough to do something extraordinary. Some of these children may not have ever heard of Paul Harris, Charles or Gene Gabus, Dr. Diana Reed, Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Bill W Corwin, Ed Arnold, Marv Johnson, Bob Dabreo or Chuck Corwin or any other Northwest Des Moines Rotarians. I believe that when they get their brand-new winter coats, they will know that Rotarians care enough to help them even though we do not know their names. When I joined Rotary on a few short years ago, I saw the video of what a buffalo bike from World Bicycle Relief would mean to a family who received it. I felt like a superhero for providing that kind of a leg-up for someone in need. I would say that our Club with all our supporters should feel like superheroes x 650+ for what we have been able to do to assist these children here in our back yards. I am pleased to be able to sing your praises here and wherever I can for what we have committed to and accomplished again this year. The Operation Warm Coats project served 25% more children this year than last. The cost increased by 25% as well. Our Club worked to find the funds to meet the need. We did such a good job that we have some money left over to get a start on next year's coats costs! I know we have been working hard for the last 4 – 6 weeks and I want to say thank you to everyone. I hope you can picture the faces of the people we are helping, and it gives you some joy for all your efforts.



Now for some fun stuff. Friday in the meeting we will draw the 22 raffle prizes. Hopefully, some Club member or some of the people you sold tickets to will win some great prizes.

Look for details on our upcoming Christmas Party. We are looking at Christopher's again, in Mid-December. More details will be in the Nor wester shortly.

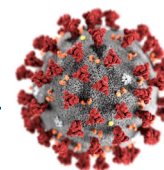
I would really like articles on how you are moving ahead in the wake of COVID. The stories that have been shared so far are inspirational at the least and can even be informative to others when shared. I still want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary (in person or via zoom).

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

Covid & Rotarians *Mark McAndrews*

COVID has perhaps affected me much less than the average person. I have been self-employed and working from a home office since 1995, thus no changes for me on that front. My wife was already devoting her time to raising our two boys, so when they were sent home to finish the year remotely it wasn't as disruptive as for most families. I already had my space, and other than a bit of noise management, we adjusted relatively easily.

I had been working remotely with my primary client for years. The team I worked with was used to me being a voice on a conference call, but none of them had worked remotely. They were all sent to work from home and it was a huge adjustment for the whole team. My client was already in the process of phasing out some older tools and moving all remote work to MicroSoft Teams and Zoom, and COVID accelerated that migration. While the technology is in place, our whole team had lessons to learn about communication. Our team found that not being in the same physical space reduced some of the "coffee station" interactions that



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October 30, 2020

This Week's Program:

**Scott Eriksen &
Bill Summers**

Funeral Planning

Arranged By:

Bill W. Corwin

Greeter:

Eric Idehen

Invocation:

Bob Moore

Sergeant:

Julia Taylor

Scribe:

Beth Goedken

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

11/6: Scott Allen

IA Bonsai Association

UGCC + Zoom

11/13: Valrie Ackman

Retirement & Loneliness

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

Board Meeting Tuesday, November 17

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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Covid & Rotarians continued...

provide some synergy that is not noticed until it is absent. Some casual and some directed meetings needed to be scheduled just to keep folks interacting and discovering what was happening in other parts of the organization. I believe the upgrade in technology and the familiarity employees have with it will pay dividends far into the future.

I have been baking sourdough bread for years. That wasn't a new skill for me brought on by COVID, but I sure had to adjust my recipe / technique a couple of times, as all the newcomers emptied the shelves of my favorite bread flour (and then almost all flour).

I had an aunt pass away in early June. Her funeral would have normally been a long weekend of family gathering to celebrate her life. We had to make do with a couple of hours – grave-side service, socially distanced and then family gathering outdoors for some socially-distanced sharing. Just not what we normally do. I have also “attended” four funerals that were on-line early in the pandemic (limited to 10 in-person attendees). Those just lacked the community that had always been my experience with celebrating a life. Those were really tough.

My younger son is dyslexic. As we were preparing for his annual IEP meeting, we reviewed the past year's goals and progress and came to the conclusion that he was not meeting his potential in his current environment. To make a long story short, he is now enrolled in a school in Kansas City that caters to students with language-based learning challenges. Finding the right school, going through the admissions process, finding an apartment and a whole host of other tasks were both challenging and so much easier than it would have been only four months earlier. The technology and processes that everyone has adopted to accommodate COVID has made this transition more manageable.

Birthdays



October 24 Leray Glendenning

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
Nov 6 - IA Bonsai Assoc.	Matt Nelson	Brad Helgemo	Tim Olenjiczak	Dianne Downing
Nov 13 - Retirement & Loneliness	Kelly Peterson-Cruse	Kyle Pieper	Wendi Wilson	Wyatt Earp
Nov 20 - TBA	Mark McAndrews	Dave Piersel	Ed Arnold	Leray Glendenning
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

2020 Operation Warm Coats



Glad to see so many come help out for our annual Northwest Rotary Operation Warm Coats!

Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to make this another Rotary success!

