

## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

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

Many thanks this week from your President. Thanks to the board for helping me out with the meeting, making sure the meeting happened this Friday. I was in quarantine awaiting a result from a COVID test. Saturday morning, I got the good news of negative for COVID. Some positives on my being on zoom last week. I have some ideas on how to improve the audio for the zoom participants.

If you missed the meeting you did miss our Raffle Chair Joe Kobes working his magic and the room as we gave away 21 prizes valued at over \$2,450.00. It was fun to see so many of our Club members win a prize. Overall, a HUGE thank-you to Joe Kobes for all his efforts on the raffle this year. It was a tough year and the raffle still was a large part of our overall income on the Pickleball Tournament.

With the two Tournaments, the raffle and the grant from Endow Urbandale, we were able to give away over \$12,000.00 in coats and still have some money left over for coats next year. I really need to say again how amazed I am at what we have done as a Club in the face of the pandemic, and all the new precautions and struggles it brings to everyone. Thank you all for our efforts and pat yourself and each other on the back. Good Job.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Party. We will be back at Christopher's in Beaverdale on December 17th, starting at 6pm. Mark your calendar and more details will come soon. I hope you can attend the party and it will serve as a time we can put the 5th test of having fun into action. I believe we can all use a chance to have some fun and fellowship at a special time of the year.

Thank you to the Club member who got us an article this week to publish in the newsletter. I would still 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), 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...

### *Scott Eriksen & Bill Summers Funeral Planning*

On Friday, Scott Eriksen from Hamilton's Funeral Home and Bill Summers from Cairn Partners spoke to us about making our funeral plans.

If you plan your funeral, you are giving a great gift to your family. Hamilton's Funeral Home, like many other funeral homes, will help you in this planning for your funeral. You will let them know your specific preferences for the disposition of your remains and the nature of your funeral services, you can clearly express them in your funeral plan. You may prefer burial or cremation, the epitaph on your headstone, or the music and readings at your funeral.

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November 6, 2020

***This Week's Program:***

**Scott Allen**

IA Bonsai Association

-- UGCC + Zoom --

*Arranged By:*

Wendi Wilson

*Greeter:*

Matt Nelson

*Invocation:*

Brad Helgemo

*Sergeant:*

Tim Olenjiczak

*Scribe:*

Dianne Downing

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### ***Future Programs***

Meeting Type Subject To Change

**11/13:** Valrie Ackman  
Retirement & Loneliness  
UGCC + Zoom

**11/20:** TBA  
UGCC + Zoom

**11/27:** No Meeting  
Happy Thanksgiving

## 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)

## Scribe continued...

Or you may not want a funeral ceremony. Whatever your wishes, they need to be set forth in your funeral plan.

You may also prepay your funeral expenses. The money is held in fund, that has legal requirements, which means the money will be there when it is needed.

If you are not up for doing the official plan, it is recommended you give the following information to the people who will be taking care of your funeral. 1. Information they will need for the obituary, including mother's maiden name and statistics. 2. The ceremony you want. 3. What happens to your body.

Hopefully, no one will need that information for many years!

Beth Goedken, Scribe

## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting Tuesday, November 17

Happy Thanksgiving

No Meeting November 27th



From left Ellen Corwin, Bill Corwin, Bill Summers, Scott Eriksen

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3174127211?pwd=ektQNzZM3NVJpTkZkVHZGcXoybWsvUT09>

Meeting ID: 317 412 7211 Password: 371508

## Future Information



### Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Nov 13 - Retirement & Loneliness	Kelly Peterson-Cruse	Kyle Pieper	Wendi Wilson	Wyatt Earp
Nov 20 - TBA	Mark McAndrews	Dave Piersel	Ed Arnold	Leray Glendenning
Nov 27 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



## *Covid 19 Dancing through a Pandemic*

As Sabetha Mumm's dance students practice their routines in their taped off socially distanced boxes and masks, complaining about how difficult it is to breathe, Sabetha's response is simple.

"It's good cardio training. Imagine how much stronger of an athlete you'll be when everything's back to normal. A mask is better than not dancing at all."



In light of COVID-19, the owner of Johnston's Dance Vision has done everything in her power to keep her studio open and her students engaged in a time when other activities stopped completely. This effort has included moving all 89 classes to being online, then bringing small groups of students back and doubling her payroll to ensure both students in the physical classroom and students at home are interacting with instructors. Though it was a lot of hard work to keep it all going, it was more than worth it.

Sabetha understands all too well the power of the arts in people's lives and the importance of pursuing your passions. According to her parents, she was born dancing. As the daughter of an Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame guitar playing father and a concert violinist mother, music has always had a place in Sabetha's life and encouraged her to pursue her true passion, even after straying from it for a bit.

Having started with just 50 students with her as the sole teacher before moving to a new location that was quickly outgrown and finally building her very own studio in its current location with help from another SBA loan, Dance Vision today has 500 students between the ages of 2 and 18 along with 20 instructors, a close-knit group which has come to call themselves the "DV Fam."

Coined by a parent in a social media post, Sabetha claims this family is what kept the studio going throughout the pandemic. As other local dance studios lost up to 50% of their clientele, Dance Vision only lost 8% of their students. The parents and teachers that she considers friends banded together to ensure their children's ability to continue dancing.

Because of this dedication and loyalty, Dance Vision's future still shines. Its two teams continue to train for local and national competitions, its parents and teachers continue to work together to raise hard-working and dedicated dancers that impress studios across the country and Sabetha continues to inspire her community's youth to embrace the beauty of art.

"The biggest thing about being a business owner is being adaptable. Our clients were just so grateful because everything else just dropped. We were not willing to just drop, we were going to find a way to make it happen even though it wasn't easy," Sabetha, who was named Iowa's 2020 SBA Small Business Person of the Year, said. "We are so grateful that we have an amazing community and incredible clients that stuck with us."

## 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!

# Stay Safe Stay Healthy