

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

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

It was a busy week in the country, as well. We now have confirmation that our next president will be Joe Biden. My congratulations to the long-time senator from Delaware and former Vice President of the United States. I think that getting the election results settled will be good overall for the country. I know that since our founding in 1905, Rotary has been doing good in the United States under Presidents from either party. I believe that our Club and the clubs around the U.S. will still have many projects to work on in the years going forward. I want to do all I can to make sure our Club is still around and still serving the needs of others, the next time we need to elect a President of these United States. I do need some help from the membership. We are short a President Elect for our current board, and a President for 2021-2022. Some of the trainings for that office are coming up in a few months. If that role sounds like a role you would like to fill for the Club, please let me know.



Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Party. We will be back at Christopher's in Beaverville on December 17th starting at 6pm. 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.

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 experience.

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

Scribbles...

Scott Allen Iowa Bonsai Association

Scott Allen, Iowa President of the Iowa Bonsai Association, talked about the Bonsai Tree.



Bonsai (pronounced bone-sigh) is an ancient oriental horticultural art form. The word Bonsai literally means, in both Chinese and in the Japanese language, tree-in-a-pot. Originally developed in the Orient almost 2000 years ago, today the art of bonsai is practiced throughout the world. He said some bonsai trees in Japan are willed from generation to generation and are worth millions.

Scott said that a tree planted in a small pot is not a bonsai until it has been pruned, shaped, and trained into the desired shape. Bonsai are kept small by careful control of the plant's growing conditions. Only branches important to the bonsai's overall design are allowed to remain and unwanted growth is pruned away. Roots are confined to a pot and are periodically clipped. The bonsai will change from season to season and from year to year, requiring pruning and training throughout its lifetime.

So Scott gave us this important information – qualities to do Bonsai . . . “if you have a problem with commitment – bonsai is not for you. The food and water of bonsai all depends on you. Some bonsai get watered as often as 2 times per day.”

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November 13, 2020

This Week's Program:

Jennifer Knecht

Retirement & Loneliness

-- UGCC + Zoom --

Arranged By:

Dianne Downing

Greeter:

Kelly Peterson-Cruse

Invocation:

Kyle Pieper

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Scribe:

Wyatt Earp

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

11/20: Lynne Yontz
Des Moines Foundation
UGCC + Zoom

11/27: No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

Scribe continued...

The Iowa Bonsai Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing horticultural skills, artistic skills, and friendship for the people of Iowa. Meetings as well as special events and workshops are open to all members and non-members. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the art of bonsai or horticulture in general. Income is primarily derived from donations and membership dues. Annual fees are \$25 for a single membership, \$35 for a family membership, and \$100 for a vendor membership.

Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday of each month (with the exception of December which is skipped) at 9 AM at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, and are open to all members and visitors. Meeting times and dates may vary due to COVID.

Dianne Downing, Scribe

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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Rotary & Covid

Ames Rotarian Dave Miller connecting with Grandchildren online. Promoting literacy during COVID

*By Carolyn Jons/Ames Morning
District 600 Literacy Promotion District 6000*

Rotary clubs have a proud tradition of promoting literacy. However, personal interactions are risky now, so the District Literacy Team is offering adaptations and other literacy options with your safety in mind. Community support is needed more than ever as families have children at home, and many preschools and schools are closed or resorting to hybrid or online learning. We have created a presentation to help clubs continue to promote literacy in this COVID environment. Past District Governor Tom Narak narrated an 11-minute video that clubs can easily view, whether they meet online or in person. A member of the D6000 Literacy team would be happy to participate in your meeting. Also, check out the Literacy Promotion section of the D6000 website for additional resources and related literacy links. Please contact the D6000 Literacy co-chairs to arrange for a club program about promoting literacy: Carol Narak at tom.carol@msn.com or Jerri Heid at jheid@amespubliclibrary.org. With literacy and education initiatives, we Rotarians are opening doors to

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.

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting Tuesday, November 17

Happy Thanksgiving - No Meeting November 27th

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Nov 20 - TBA	Mark McAndrews	Dave Piersel	Ed Arnold	Leray Glendenning
Nov 27 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Dec 4 - TBA	Jenifer M-K	Beth Goedken	Jim Arthur	Bill Grask
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				