

Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

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

Our Rotary Family grew by one in the past few weeks. A little one arrived at the Mielneczek home. Baby Boy Rainn Wattley Mielneczek was born on 11/20/2020. Congratulation to the proud parents Danny and Janelle. A bit of great news for them and for all of us who know them. Congratulations, again. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that whether you were in person or on zoom you got to see your friends and loved ones over the Thanksgiving weekend. Please know that one of my gratitudes is the patience and commitment of each of you to doing something to make the world a bit better every day. Thank you from your President.



We decided to go back to Zoom for the rest of the year. I am sad about it, but our first meeting went well on zoom and we will get better as we go. To keep up on the service above self-front, we have decided to adopt two families this holiday season and more will come on that project as well. Now about having some fun. We are planning a zoom meeting on the 18th dedicated to having some food, fun and games. I got some details today from a friend about how to add some fun into of the zoom party on the 18th. We will also have a menu for you and a spouse or friend you can go to the club and pick up lunch for the party. I am planning a program will be a fun engaging with games some good prizes for the winners. More details to come. Plan to attend and enjoy some food fellowship and fun.

I still want to encourage you to bring a guest to Rotary (via zoom or when we return to in-person meetings).

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

Scribbles...

Jordan Richardson Des Moines Foundation

How does a charitable foundation thrive in the midst of global pandemic? Jordan Richardson, the director of charitable giving and the charter advisor of philanthropy with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation visited the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines with an answer.

They responded to the pandemic by starting a Disaster Recovery Fund. This fund has helped to raise more than one million dollars for the fund and to increase overall donor giving by forty percent during the COVID-19 crisis of 2020. These funds have been distributed to thirteen grant recipients who have demonstrated their priority of responding to the needs of the health crisis. Some of these organizations include Iowa Food Bank, Des Moines Pastoral Counseling, Des Moines Area Religious Council, Primary Health Care, Lutheran Social Services, Urban Dreams and Broadlawns Hospital.

The Foundation has a long history of managing funds for bringing people and resources together for the good of the community. There are currently 2000 charitable funds in the Foundation. The largest fund is the BetterTogether Fund with thirty-nine affiliates participating. The Foundation boasts \$650 million of assets which has made possible \$51.4 million for grants and \$78.7 million in gifts during 2019, which was their largest financial year on record.

The Foundation is more accessible to a variety of donors due to its unique tools that remove barriers often present in other foundations, namely there are no fund minimums and there are

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December 4, 2020

This Week's Program:

TBA

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-- Zoom ONLY --

Arranged By:

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Greeter:

Janifer M-K

Invocation:

Beth Goedken

Sergeant:

Jim Arthur

Scribe:

Bill Grask

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Future Programs

Meeting Type Subject To Change

12/11: TBA

Zoom ONLY

12/18: TBA

Zoom ONLY

**12/25: No Meeting
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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 Dec. 15

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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opportunities to donate to "seed funds." In this way, the Foundation is able connect a variety of donors to various causes.

The types of donors are broad, including individuals, families, non-profits, schools, other foundations, corporations, and small businesses. This inclusive list of donors provides a variety of different types of funds, such as community betterment projects, legacy funds from estate planning, designated funds, agency funds and agriculture funds, which include the Keep Iowa Growing Fund. These funds are sourced from a variety of gifts beyond cash, such as appreciated securities, real estate, tangible property, life insurance policies and agricultural land gifts.

Jordan desires the opportunity to meet with individuals who are interested in philanthropy at any level. He also is available to consult with organizations such as Rotary clubs about participating in what is known as donor-advised funds.

This time of year is a great time to consult with your accountant, tax advisor or financial planner and with Jordan to see if your tax liability could be reduced and your assets be harnessed for great good in the community! It is as simple going to www.givedsm.org, connecting with Jordan Richardson and making your donation! Then sit back and watch the fund grow and find the great pleasure of determining where to distribute the funds!

You may not be able to control the economy but you can be a good steward of what you have received! As the old preacher once said: "I have conducted many funerals and I have never seen a U-Haul behind the hearse." You cannot take your assets with you, but you can determine where they go to benefit the lives and good of others!

Scribe, Leray Glendenning



Birthdays

Nov 24 Bill W. Corwin

Nov 29 Dan Boes

Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Dec 11 - TBA	Danny Mielneczek	Larry Sample	Kelly Peterson-Cruse	Matt Nelson
Dec 18 - TBA	Bob Moore	Doyle Sanders	LeAnn Auxier	Brad Helgemo
Dec 25 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				



Rotary of Northwest Des Moines *Help Make Students Warm & Cozy*

Submitted by: Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Rotary of Northwest Des Moines, Operation Warm Coat Chair

Over the past seven years, the Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines has purchased and distributed 2,492 winter coats to students. Since 2014, our club has been determined to keep kids warm during our long Iowa Winters. Starting in 2014, our club provided coats to students in Urbandale Schools (Rolling Green, Olmsted, Valerius, Karen Acres, Jensen, and Webster Elementary Schools; Urbandale Middle School; Urbandale High School and Metro West Learning Academy [serving students from the Urbandale, Johnston, Waukee, Saydel, Adel and Dallas Center-Grimes School Districts]). In 2015, St. Pius X Catholic School was added and in 2017, West Des Moines School, Clive Learning Center, and Des Moines Public School, Cowles Montessori located in Windsor Heights were added.

This year our club was able to provide 684 coats to preschool, elementary, middle, and high school students. To purchase the coats we partner with Operation Warm (<https://www.operationwarm.org/>), a nonprofit organization that provides coats at a significant discount. Operation Warm's mission is to "provide brand new winter coats to children in need, helping to improve self-confidence, peer acceptance, school attendance, and overall wellness."

On the day the coats were distributed parents and students in our community expressed their appreciation. One little girl said, "I love it...I feel like a princess!" Two middle school students commented that the coats were so cute and picked identical coats to show that they were best friends. After receiving a new coat a third-grade boy at Karen Acres excitedly stated "This is the best coat ever! It's so warm!" A first-grade girl at Valerius said, "Thank you for my coat, it is so beautiful!" A mother of four children stated "Thank you for helping us with coats for my kids. It helps me a lot!"

To fund Operation Warm our club relies on the profits of raffle ticket sales and two yearly tournaments, a Pickleball tournament at Smash Park, and a Golf Tournament at Urbandale Golf and Country Club. This year our club also received a much-needed \$5,000 grant from Endow Urbandale (<https://endowurbandale.org>) to purchase the additional coats needed to keep kids warm this Winter.

With the COVID 19 pandemic, there are many needs in our community, providing brand new warm coats to Urbandale's Pre K-12 students is one way our Rotary Club can make a difference.



Rotarians - LeAnn Auxier



Rotarians - Wendi Wilson



Rotarians - Donna Larson



Rotarians - Bill D Corwin & Son, Bill W Corwin, and Brenda Auxier-Mailey