



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines  
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## Prez Sez

Bill D. Corwin

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

Our Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines family grew by one more by an accepted proposal for marriage. Bradford Helgemo and Juliana Perez made their engagement public this week. I would like to offer my congratulations to you both. I am a big fan of marriage. My wife Lisa and I Celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary this week, as well. The meeting is on Zoom again this coming week. The big project on the table is more for me than you, our members, this week. On the technology side of things his week we will watch a shared video on our zoom meeting. We will be able to view a video of what was shared by the president of Rotary International to our District at the Foundation Dinner. I look forward to hearing those thoughts directly from Holgar Knaack. Thanks, Doyle Sanders, for making it available to us. Read our Scribe notes today about our update on Rotary's fight against Polio. The presenter was passionate and well informed. I was perusing the December Rotary meeting to find an article about an amazing triple winner. She is a polio survivor, Rotarian from Brazil, and late blooming (started at 38) world class athlete. Her story was inspirational for sure. If we know that people of this caliber choose to spend their time in Rotary may add credibility to our organization. It is a short but good read. Mark you calendars for the 5th Test meeting a week from Friday, on the 18th, dedicated to having some food, fun, and games. Watch your e-mail for details on how to order and pick up your lunch for the 18th. We will have a menu for you and a spouse or friend to get food for the party. More details to come next week by e-mail. 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...

### *Ed Arnold Polio Eradication Update*

President Bill D. Corwin welcomed about 15 "Zoom" attendees. Beth Goedken gave a nice invocation, followed by Jim Arthur's Sergeant session. We found out how much/little we know about Taiwan and the 2021 Rotary International Convention.

Our default speaker, Ed Arnold, provided an update on Polio Eradication efforts since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was started in 1985 by a collaboration of RI, World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and the United Nations. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation joined the effort in the early 2000's, eventually providing about 16% of the \$17 Billion expended so far. Ten billion doses have been administered to over 3.3 billion children. In 1985 there were 350,000 new cases per year, eventually being reduced to only 22 in 2017. There were 176 new cases in 2019; so far in 2020 we are at 138, 56 in Afghanistan and 82 in Pakistan. Of the three types of polio, types 2 (1999) and 3 (2019) have been declared "eradicated," leaving only type 1.

In April, 2016 the vaccine administered was switched from trivalent to bivalent, which includes only the type 1 and 3 serotypes. It is estimated that 90% of the circulating vaccine derived Polio Virus type 2 (cVDPV2) was/is caused by the trivalent vaccine. Going



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## December 11, 2020

### *This Week's Program:*

**Doyle Sanders**

Rotary Foundation

-- Zoom ONLY --

Arranged By:

TBA

Greeter:

Danny Mielneczek

Invocation:

Larry Sample

Sergeant:

Kelly Peterson-Cruse

Scribe:

Matt Nelson

### *2020-21 Officers & Directors*

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### *Future Programs*

Meeting Type Subject To Change

**12/18:** Christmas Meeting  
Zoom ONLY

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

**1/1:** No Meeting  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

forward, eradication efforts are being concentrated on Key At Risk Countries (5 of them, mostly Asian), Outbreak Countries (mostly African), previously polio free, but have experienced reintroduction of wild or circulating virus from another country, and Endemic countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan).

Locally, the partnership with the Iowa Energy, now Iowa Wolves basketball club has raised over \$129,000 in the past 12 years, enough to immunize over 250,000 children. A statue recognizing the eradication effort was placed in the A.H. Blank Children's hospital grounds to recognize the early efforts to care for polio patients in 1943. District 6000 will be sponsoring a virtual bike ride in the Spring to raise funds. In addition, PDG John Ockenfels will be taking off on his COVID-19 delayed flight around the world, to promote awareness of the Polio eradication efforts. Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines continues to be a leader in per capita giving among District 6000 clubs.

Scribe, Ed Arnold

## 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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*Submitted by:* Dave Piersel

My story of how Myrna and I have dealt with the COVID-19 virus is probably not much different from that of most senior citizens, but there was an interesting beginning. The past four years we've made a mid-February trip to Tucson to visit son Brian and family, along with temporarily escaping to warmer weather. Each year we spent ten days visiting family and friends along with just being tourists. Because the temperature was often on the chilly side (it even snowed in 2019!), this year we went two weeks later than before and did indeed enjoy beautiful weather. This found us returning to Des Moines late the night of March 9th. We had followed news about the virus, but restaurants in Tucson continued to be busy and all our planes were still nearly full. It was only about three-four days later that "all hell broke loose" and things in Iowa shut down. Luckily, we made it home just in time!

Because of our age, along with some medical concerns, for the first few weeks we hardly left the house. Friends and neighbors shopped for us, I worked on jig-saw puzzles, and we both nearly overdosed on Hallmark movies! As things eased a bit I began doing the shopping, and on occasion Myrna would go also (wearing masks, of course!). We resumed our prior custom of frequent morning coffee with friends at the Johnston Panera (with masks!) and on rare occasions would pick "open" times to have late lunch at a few of our favorite restaurants. (Virus protocols weren't being followed at one of them so we have not returned!)

Through this pandemic the worst part has been not seeing family. We haven't seen son Scott, in Minnesota, for well over a year. We've been with some of our Iowa family only on rare occasions, practicing "social distancing." Thanksgiving would usually have been a gathering with our daughter and family near Humboldt. Instead we did manage to get all the clan together for a Zoom call!

With the recent upsurge we have returned to being hermits, although we go shopping for necessities on occasion. This year has served as a vivid reminder that we are fundamentally "social animals," and that we crave even limited interaction with family and friends. Let's hope that craving is soon satisfied for all of us!

## Future Information



Ed Arnold - Program Chair				
<i>Program</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Scribe</i>
Dec 18 - Zoom Christmas Mtg	Bob Moore	Doyle Sanders	LeAnn Auxier	Brad Helgemo
Dec 25 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
Jan 1 - No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting
<i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Bill D. by finding your substitute!				