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## North Scott Rotary Serves

### Foundation Minute

Everyday Rotary continues to “Do Good In the World!” They look for ways to make a difference in their communities and in communities around the world. They use their knowledge of local issues to identify areas of need, then apply their expertise and diverse perspectives to find solutions.

In Korea they established a mentoring project to prepare students with autism and intellectual and emotional disabilities for careers in horticulture. In Brazil, Rotarians offered Ju-do classes for youth to funnel their energy avoiding violence in the slums. In Canada a Rotary club is helping Syrian refugees start new lives, and in Australia clubs are helping to end domestic violence.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Giving to the Foundation is much easier – just go to [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate). Thank you.

## THIS FRIDAY AT THE STEEPLEGATE



### ALFRED RAMIREZ,

#### PRESIDENT, DIVERSE STRATEGIES NOW

Diversity is one of Rotary's five Core Values\*, which makes the message of Friday's speaker, Alfred Ramirez, the president of Diverse Strategies Now, especially relevant. Mr. Ramirez, of East Moline, is a frequent keynote speaker, trainer and facilitator for public and private organizations, businesses, K-12 schools, universities and communities nationwide. He is innovative and versatile, as he develops and improves national, regional and local organizations and programs across diverse socio-economic sectors. He creates or implements: Diversity, inclusion and engagement initiatives; community engagement and development; business development; leadership development; and program and policy shifts toward systemic change. As a mentor and coach to

many individuals, he strives to increase their individual capacity for impact at home, work or community.

Mr. Ramirez served President Clinton as Associate Director in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel; Senior Advisor at the Corporation for National Service; and Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans at the U.S. Department of Education.

He began his career as faculty adviser and assistant director of admissions and minority recruitment for Columbia University. He was special assistant to Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio, Texas, and a corporate recruiter and human resource specialist at Transamerica. He developed young minority leaders as managing director for INROADS Los Angeles. He also directed a \$2-million Mattel Foundation initiative to involve parents and community members in their schools. He has

worked as principal consultant for diversity initiatives at ACT, Inc. educational testing. He served as president of the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC), Group O Vice President of Government Relations and Diversity, and Director of Operations for the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI).

He was selected as one of Hispanic Business Magazine's 100 Influentials and one of *The Des Moines Register* newspaper's Top Influentials. He attended Columbia University as undergraduate, Political Science and Urban Studies and Bernard M. Baruch College, City University of New York, graduate student in Public Administration.

*(\*) Rotary's Core Values: Fun & Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity, Diversity, Service.*

Alfred Ramirez

## **THANK YOU**

Dear North Scott Rotary Club,

Thank you so much for awarding Alan Shepard Special Education Department \$2,000 to be used towards our sensory room upgrade. A sensory room is a specially designed room that combines a range of stimuli to help individuals develop and engage their senses.

As you may already know there is a rise in sensory issues. Alan Shepard's Sensory room is not only used by our Autism/Level 3 special education program but for all students that need a space to meet their sensory needs.

With your donation we will be purchasing a variety of sensory items:

**Peanut ball:** Encourages balance and core stabilization for an active learning posture and enhance focus by supporting your natural desire for movement.

**Vibrating Pillow:** provides proprioceptive input for sensory integration

**Bolster Swing:** challenges balance reactions and offers proper head and body alignment as children change positions to sit, straddle, swing side-to-side or front-to-back.

**Multi Point Ceiling Swing Suspension Kit:** Can use for a variety of swings and climbers.

**A variety of finger fidgets and stress balls:** Helps keep restless fingers busy while building fine motor control. Can easily be used anywhere and less distracting as larger sensory items.

**Time Timer:** Visual timer so students can see how much time is left. Helps ease transition times.

**Gel Tiles:** used for visual processing and sensory stimulation. Some students enjoy it as a calming activity as they step, sit, or push the gel around.

**Squeezer:** provides deep pressure, heavy work and helps with motor planning.

**Mushy Smushy Bean Bag Chairs:** Provides versatile seating for students and can easily be moved. Appeals to kids who need to wiggle and to all who crave tactile stimulation. Students can toss for heavy work or use as a landing pad for crashing. They can catch and throw to strengthen bilateral coordination.

When our items arrive and get situated I would love to share a picture of the 'finished product'. Thank you for your generosity and support! You have made a positive impact on the lives of many children at Alan Shepard.

Best Regards

Kristine Montenguise

Exceptional Education Teacher

**Rotary International President**  
**Barry Rassin, New Providence, Bahamas**

**Governor, Rotary District 6000**  
Tom Narak, West Des Moines, IA  
**Ass't Governor**  
Gary Loss, Davenport, IA

### Make ups available at nearby Rotary Clubs

Monday, Noon..... Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons  
Monday, Noon..... Davenport Outing Club, 2109 N. Brady St.  
Monday, 12:10 pm .....Muscatine, Rendezvous, 3127 Lucas St.  
Monday, 12:15 pm .. Moline, Trinity Lutheran Church 1313 13th Ave  
Monday, 6:00 pm ..... Quad Cities Illinois, Hy Vee 42nd Ave, Moline  
Tuesday, 7:15 am .. River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City, IL  
Tuesday, noon .....Rock Island, QC Botanical Center  
Wednesday Noon ..... Bettendorf, Tanglewood Pavilion  
Wednesday, Noon ..... Tipton, 1143 Cedar Valley Rd  
Wednesday 5:00 pm... North Scott Mini-Meet at Maloney's, Eldridge  
Thursday, 7:00 am.....Iowa Quad Cities, J-Bar Elmore Ave.  
Thursday, 12:15 pm.....East Moline, Christ United Methodist Church  
Thursday, Noon..... Milan, Pinnacle Country Club  
Friday Noon..... North Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport.

### NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, June 21:** Program: Alfred Ramirez from the QC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, on Diverse Strategies Now. Bill Tubbs, Host.

**Friday, June 21:** Mud Run Committee meeting following regular meeting.

**Thursday, June 27:** 5:00 pm. Installation of Jeremy Kaiser as President and new Board members. Family friendly celebration at Sheridan Meadows Park and the Rotary Inspiration Playground. Rotarians: Free, Students/Children under 12: Free. Spouses and other adult guests \$10.00 each. **SIGN UP to attend.** We need a count for food! Bring a lawn chair!

**Friday, June 28:** No meeting, replaced by June 27.

**Saturday, June 29:** 9:00 am Impact Grant Play area build at Neil Armstrong Elementary School, Park View. Please come help! We will be constructing a fence, building some raised play boxes and more!

**Friday, July 5:** NO MEETING. Holiday weekend.

**July 10-14:** John Deere Classic 2019. Volunteer opportunities available. See Merle Anderson or Tom Messer.

**Friday, July 12:** 10:45 am. Board of Directors meeting in the bar area of Steeplegate.

**Friday, July 12:** Program: to be announced. July birthdays celebrated. 50/50 drawing by Patrick Olsen.

**Saturday, July 13:** 8:00 pm Moonlight Chase Water Stop on North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Eldridge. Glen Keppy, Chair.

**Friday, July 19:** Program: Decker Ploehn: City Administrator for the City of Bettendorf. Scott Case, Host.

**Friday, July 19:** Mud Run Committee meeting following regular meeting

**Thursday, July 25:** 5:00 pm Corn Boil at Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. John Maxwell, Chair.

**Friday, July 26:** No meeting, replaced by July 25.

**Saturday, August 17:** Mississippi Mudder 3-mile obstacle course adventure in Coal Valley, IL. For more information and register to participate: [www.mississippimudder.com](http://www.mississippimudder.com)

**Friday, November 22:** Annual Rallies for Youth Auction. Rogalski Center on St. Ambrose Campus. **SAVE THE DATE!**

### MAKE UPS TURNED IN

June 5: Kathy Pezley: Rotary Club of Maquoketa  
June 12: Greg Lundgren: Rotary Club of Bettendorf  
June 12: Jerry Coussens, Merle Anderson, Leroy Paustain, Hank Runge, Steve Fahrenkrog, Dick Cole: Mini meet at Maloney's  
June 13: Merle Anderson: Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities  
June 13: Greg Lundgren: Rotary Club of East Moline  
June 13: Jim Koehler, Chris Cournoyer, Joe Stutting, Eric Langan, Matt Maiers: Junior Achievement Hall of Fame  
June 14: Nikki Dillon, Steve Fahrenkrog, Pat Olsen, Josh Cobie, Jeremy Kaiser, Deanna Valliere, Matt Maiers, Tom Messer: Chamber Golf Outing  
June 14: Jeff Ashcraft, Jeremy Kaiser, Pat Olsen, Tyler Bindrum, Dennis & Deb Peterson, Marty O'Boyle, Greg Schaapveld, Jan Touney, Rich Horst, Dr. Don Sierk, Jeff Martens, Greg Lundgren, Brian Williams, Bill Tubbs: Board of Directors Meeting

### ASSIGNMENTS

June 21: Set up/tear down: Marty O'Boyle; Greeters: Jeff Helms and Fred Mulch; Song Leader: Paul Holzworth; Piano: Marguerite Holzworth; Invocation: Jan Touney; Sergeant: Brad Burt

June 27: Set up/clean up: Social Committee. Invocation: Deb Peterson - Installation of Jeremy Kaiser at Sheridan Meadows Park

June 28: NO MEETING

July 5: NO MEETING

### NEW ROTARY YEAR.... NEW PRESIDENT..... NEW COMMITTEES.....

Thank you to all who completed a committee sheet on Friday. If you haven't completed one, please do so soon. Sign-up sheets with the committees listed will be available at the balance of the June meetings. They are due by the end of the month!

Please indicate what you would like to serve on, otherwise you will be randomly assigned to a committee(s). **You can be on multiple committees.** Thanks in advance.

### NEW WAY TO PAY YOUR DUES

We are now offering a new way to pay your dues. Through First Central Bank, you can sign up for automatic deduction of your dues from your checking account. It can either be once a quarter or a monthly amount. This is an ACH payment and forms are available at the regular meeting. If you have questions or concerns, contact Dennis Peterson.

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### LAST WEEK

LAST WEEK - June 14, 2019 – Nathan Sondgeroth: Vera French Foundation

Fifty-two attended on Friday as we competed with the sunny weather and the Eldridge Chamber Golf Outing. The only guest we had was Duncan Cameron from the Rotary Club of Naples, FL.

President Elect Jeremy Kaiser asked for a vote of approval from the membership for the following Rotary board positions. Josie Seymour as Presidential candidate for 2022-23, Scott Case, Tracy Lindaman, Jeff Martens and Brian Williams for the four new board members for 2019-2021 term, and Jan Touney remaining on the board for an additional year, completing Josie's board term to July of 2020. Motion to approve was made by Bill Tubbs, seconded by John Maxwell and Kelly Meyer. Motion passed. Jeff Ashcraft thanked the outgoing board members, Marty O'Boyle, Greg Schaapveld and Donn Wilmott.

John Maxwell was the sergeant and collected \$36 in fines.

Vera French is Scott County's mental health center and is located near the West campus of Genesis Hospital. They offer residential care, outpatient care and youth and family services. They have school-based services available in all levels of schools in the greater Quad City area. Rick's House of Hope helps kids in trauma and has summer camps available. It is run by Vera French.

Dr. Vera French retired in the 1980's, she also had a PHD in mental health. The facility was established in 1949 and is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Nathan stressed the fact that we need to support the next generation of social workers, as they are in short supply.

## Follow NS Rotary on



### The 4 Way Test

#### Of the things we THINK SAY or DO

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?