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THIS FRIDAY: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option

Maria Ontiveros: Mercado on Fifth

Maria Ontiveros is the Corporate Community Liaison for Illinois Quad Cities-based Group O, one of the largest Hispanic-owned companies in the U.S. She also is president of **Mercado on Fifth**, a nonprofit organization that hosts a weekly Hispanic night market featuring food trucks, vendor booths, Latin entertainment and activities for kids. Thanks to **Ardita Grunwald** for arranging this program.

Ontiveros helped launch the organization in 2016 and soon after started the Spanish language Food Sanitation Management program at Black Hawk College, helping Spanish speakers become certified to open food service businesses. Mercado has since helped create and/or provided a platform for over 60 new minority-owned businesses in the Quad Cities.

Ontiveros, a 2008 graduate of Bettendorf High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, also serves as a board member of Visit Quad Cities, United Way Quad Cities and Two Rivers YMCA. She is the Corporate Community Liaison for Illinois Quad Cities-based Group O, one of the largest Hispanic-owned companies in the U.S.

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RYLA/3-4; 'Lawrence'/5; Citation/6; Baseball/7; Polio/8

CALENDAR

- Friday, Aug. 11:** Program Committee meeting at 11:15 a.m. at the Steeplegate Inn.
- Friday, Aug. 11:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Mercdo on Fifth**, with **Maria Ontiveros**, arranged by Ardita Grunwald.
- Friday, Aug. 11:** Rock Island Rotary hosting Rotary Night at the Ballpark for Quad City Rotarians. Quad-City River Bandits and Cedar Rapids Kernals. Gates open 5:45 p.m., first pitch 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 18:** Board of directors meeting at Steeplegate Inn, 10:30 a.m. Any member may attend.
- Friday, Aug. 18:** Golf, 11:15 at Steeplegate.
- Friday, Aug. 18:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Mental Health** issues with **Dr. Elizabeth A. Lonning**, PsyD, arranged by Stephanie Eckhardt.
- Friday, Aug. 25:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, Iowa Auditor of State, **Rob Sand**.
- Friday, Sept. 1:** No meeting (Labor Day weekend)
- Friday, Sept. 8:** Board of directors meeting at Steeplegate Inn, 10:15 a.m. Meet with **District Governor Dennis Drager**. Any member may attend.
- Friday, Sept. 8:** 2023-24 District Governor **Dennis Drager's** Official Club Visit.
- Friday, Sept. 15:** North Scott Rotary Walt Fahrenkrog Memorial **Golf Outing** at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. Tee time, 12:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 17:** A special event and program for all sponsors of children at the **Imbabazi Center for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda**, will take place at the Masonic Building, Veterans Memorial Parkway, Davenport, from 4:15-7:00 p.m. (Yes, children are invited, too!)
- Friday, Sept. 22:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Club Assembly** led by president **Tracy Lindaman**.
- Friday, Sept. 29:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, report from travelers to **Imbabaze Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda**, tentative.
- Friday, Oct 6:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA.
- Friday, Oct 13:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA.
- Saturday, Oct. 14:** Rotary Leadership Institute, Mt. Pleasant, 8:30-a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 22:** Zone Institute, Evanston and Chicago.
- Friday, Oct 20:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA.
- Tuesday, Oct. 24:** World Polio Day.
- Friday, Oct 27:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA.
- Friday, Nov. 3:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA.
- Friday, Nov. 10:** At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives, **Pat Grassley**, arranged by Ross Paustian.
- Friday, Nov. 17:** North Scott Rotary Auction and 50th Anniversary at Rhythm City Casino.
- July 4-7, 2024:** Rotary volunteers at John Deere Classic.



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MAKEUPS/ROTARY ENGAGEMENT

Please turn in makeups to **Deb Peterson** at: dennis.peterson1@gmail.com, or nsrotary@aol.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 2: Bill Tubbs, Rotary Club of Maquoketa (RYLA student Brady Hahn gave program).

Wednesday, Aug. 2: Mini meet at Maloney's: Steve Fahrenkrog, Donn Wilmott, Merle Anderson, Rob White, Rev. Rich Pokora, Jason Happel, Hank Runge.

WHERE OTHER CLUBS MEET

- Monday, Noon..... Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons
- Monday, Noon..... Davenport, Bittner YMCA
- Monday, 12:10..... Muscatine, Rendezvous, 3127 Lucas St.
- Monday, 12:15..... Moline, Trinity Lutheran, 1313 13th Av.
- Monday, 6:00 p.m. .Quad Cities Illinois, HyVee, 42nd Ave., Moline
- Tuesday, Noon .. Rock Island, Quad-City Botanical Center
- Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.....River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City, Ill.
- Wednesday, Noon..... Bettendorf, Tanglefoot Pavilion
- Wednesday, Noon..... Tipton, 1143 Cedar Valley Rd.
- Wednesday, Noon..... Maquoketa, Eagle's Club
- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. North Scott Rotary Mini-Meet, Maloney's, Eldridge
- Thursday, 7:00 a.m. . Iowa Quad Cities, J-Bar, Elmore Ave.
- Thursday, 12:15 p.m. East Moline, Christ United Methodist Church
- Thursday, Noon Milan, Pinnacle Club
- Friday, Noon North Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

AUGUST 4, 2023: RYLA STUDENTS**NEW: 'Tell me something good!'****By Bill Tubbs/Editor**

Aug. 4, 2023: Fifty-nine were in attendance Friday at the Steeplegate Inn, and **Tricia Kane** by Zoom. Piano music was provided by **Terri Wittkowski** with **Sara Tomasson** leading the singing of "America the Beautiful," "Welcome Song," "R-O-T-A-R-Y," and "Happy Birthday" for August birthdays. **Jeff Ashcraft** shared a reflection about "Lawrence," whom he met in Uganda and the power of story telling (p. 6). Secretary **Tony Knobbe** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests: **Duncan Cameron** (Rotary Club of Naples, FL), **Monica Hursey** (guest of **Bill Tubbs**), **Mike Rashid** (guest of **Katie White**), **Laura Williams** (guest of **Rita Rawson**), RYLA students **Katherine Van Ness** and **Delaney Fitzgibbon**, and Delaney's grandmother, **Sue Jones**,

Announcements

Corn Boil: President Tracy Lindaman thanked all who helped make the Corn Boil a success to stand and be recognized.

Baseball: Rotarians and families are invited to "Rotary Night at the Ballpark" Friday evening, Aug. 11, at Modern Woodmen Park, for the game between the Quad City River Bandits and Cedar Rapids Kernels. Gates open at 5:45; first pitch is at 6:30. **President Tracy** said we can buy tickets at the gate and still be in the Rotary section (see p. 7).

RAGBRAI: Sara Somsy thanked everyone who volunteered Saturday. "Good fellowship was enjoyed!" The amount owed for tips is not known because tips were electronic (no cash).

Committees for 2023-24 were distributed. **President Tracy** said they tried to honor requests. "Let me know of any changes."

Quiz: Dick Cole had the answer for the Areas of Focus of projects funded by The Rotary Foundation (see p. 5).

Personals

Kelly Meyer gave \$30 to the North Scott Rotary Educational Foundation because her daughter, **Josie**, a recent Iowa State grad, landed a good job in Hutchison, Minn., with GBDC, a soybean company. *Congratulations!*

Donn Wilmott welcomed his second grandchild, Estess Rose Stutting, 7 pounds, 10 ounces. *Congratulations!*

Paul and Marguerite Holzworth have moved to Grand Haven. "We're happy to be there." *Best wishes!*



President Tracy with RYLA students Delaney Fitzgibbon and Katherine Van Ness.

Photo by Editor

Steve Powell is proud to have bicycled the last 75 miles of RAGBRAI after having knee replacement last year. *Way to go, Steve!*

President Tracy is preparing for her second knee replacement surgery Tuesday, Aug. 8. She will miss next week's meeting but hopes to be back Aug. 18, "the bionic woman!" *Best wishes for a speedy recovery!*

Scott Case said the movie "Sound of Freedom" (about human trafficking) was "powerful."

Sergeant-at-arms Deanna Jensen-Valliere raised \$94 in fun fines, including \$1 if you were not at the Corn Boil, \$1 if you are not going to the Fair, \$1 if you did not sign up for a committee, and \$1 if you did not participate in Bix or RAGBRAI. Her National Days calendar included Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, International Beer Day, and Farmers Market Week.

Program

Bill Tubbs introduced RYLA students **Katherine Van Ness** and **Delaney Fitzgibbon**. Thanks to **Jan Touney** for speaker notes on the next page ... and the introduction of "Tell me something good" at the end of the meeting!

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AUGUST 4, 2023: RYLA STUDENTS

RYLA: 'A life-changing experience'

By Jan Touney

Using words such as “life-changing,” “powerful,” and “fun,” North Scott High School students Delaney Fitzgibbon and Katherine Van Ness described their experiences at the 2023 RYLA Conference to North Scott Rotarians on Friday, Aug. 4.

The girls, who will be seniors, were among more than 150 young people who attended the annual RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) gathering at Grinnell College in July. Delaney and Katherine began their presentation by demonstrating hand gestures they learned to express thanks and appreciation, and to “retweet,” or show support for something that someone has said. They invited the North Scott Rotarians to do the same.

Both girls spoke of experiences and moments that touched them and taught them leadership and teamwork.

Delaney talked about a leadership activity in which all participants were blindfolded and tasked with finding the end of a rope they were holding, without talking to anybody. The team leader frequently asked the participants to raise their hands if they needed help.

Determined to complete the activity without help, Delaney said she finally was irritated enough to raise her hand. She was told by her leader, “That was the goal. You have to be brave enough to ask for help.”

Debriefing sessions after each activity gave participants the opportunity to discuss what they learned.

Various team members would share a “WOF,” or word of focus. “They would take a word that related to them and share their story,” Katherine said.

Her favorite WOF was “connection.” Its lesson: “In times of struggle we find ourselves; in times of happiness we find purpose in the struggle.”

Delaney said one girl’s WOF was “mosaic” – we are bits and pieces of everything and everyone that we experience. “I thought that was very beautiful.”

Both girls said they considered themselves introverts, but there was little sign of that in Friday’s presentation. Asked by Rotarian Jeff Ashcraft how they see themselves taking the skills they learned and utilizing them in their future, Delaney said lessons on team leadership and emotional leadership taught her lessons that can apply later in life. “As leaders you have to learn from other people,” she said. Katherine said one activity that taught her a lot was one

in which she had to talk to three different people with the object to remember their names.

Admitting she is “bad with names,” she said the activity taught her to focus on making a connection with each person. “As a leader, you have to focus on each person and where they’re at,” she said.

With all clocks at the conference covered up, and cell-phones left back in their rooms, participants had to live in the moment and focus on the task at hand, something that both girls said they appreciated.

Katherine said the experience and the Rotary emphasis on service work solidified in her mind her goal of pursuing mission work after college. She said she intends to go to a college in South Carolina. Delaney said she wants to go into journalism and is still trying “to figure out my life a little bit. I’ve got a year to go.”

Something new

'Tell me something good': The program ended at 12:51. In the remaining time, President Tracy invited members to “tell me something good.” She said her dad, **Al Moore**, moved to assisted living at Grand Haven when he left the hospital. Friends greeted him with “Welcome Home” signs which changed his outlook.

Sara Tomasson took her 8-year-old niece to Countryside Community Theatre’s “Into the Woods,” which was phenomenal. **Scott Case** said the Quad-City Times review of the show was excellent. **Paul Holzworth** is proud of his former student, **Tom Walljasper**, who is director of “Into the Woods.”

Jill Grunwald lifted up the young man, 16-year-old **Cody Curtis**, from whom she and Dale got corn for the Corn Boil. The experience was excellent. “He’s a hustler. He’s going far!”

Bill Tubbs said it was great to see that the Scott County Library, led by director, Rotarian **Tricia Kane**, earned the highest accreditation from the state of Iowa.

The meeting ended with members reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do, at the suggestion of honorary member **Duncan Cameron**.

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

IMBABAZE CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Inspiration: The story of Lawrence



Jeff and Crista Ashcraft with Lawrence and Comfort, at the Imbabaze Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda.

Submitted by Jeff Ashcraft

By Jeff Ashcraft

The most powerful people in the world are not politicians, royalty, sports figures or celebrities. It's said that the most powerful people in the world are storytellers.

Lawrence is currently 26 years old. He grew up as a normal energetic boy and lived with his parents near Kisoro, Uganda, until finishing school and going onto college.

He met wife in college where they fell in love and got married after graduating.

The couple got jobs as teachers in different primary schools in Kisoro, at the same time they opened up a small grocery store in a nearby village where Lawrence worked in the evening after school.

On the evening of February 12, 2019, as Lawrence returned from Kisoro bringing supplies to their store, there were several law enforcement officers who were trying to capture a criminal. As he opened the door of his shop to hide, he was hit in the back by a stray bullet - friendly fire. It took Lawrence a long time to trust that he had not been shot intentionally.

He was hospitalized in Kisoro for two weeks until he was stable, and was sent to a hospital in the Ugandan capital of Kampala. He spent two months in Kampala but not much more could be done to repair his injuries, and he was transported back to Kisoro a paraplegic.

Sadly, his troubles were just beginning. Unfortunately, his wife abandoned him and their 1-year-old daughter, Comfort, eight months after his injury. His parents also couldn't handle his personal care or cover his medical bills, and they, too, abandoned him. They literally chased him from their house. There was a small house nearby, so he and Comfort moved to this little house (that wouldn't be considered more than a shack by American standards). Dad and daughter lived on handouts from well-wishers who brought them food, while others volunteered to do house chores for them. Comfort would actually try to cook them meals at times.

When Lawrence and Comfort came to the attention of the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children, they were living alone and in desperate conditions. ICWAC could not cover Lawrence's medical bills, but was able to support Comfort's educational needs and the business incubator part of the ICWAC gave him a loan so that he could start his own business. As an entrepreneur, Lawrence now has an operation where he extracts the juice from pineapple and sells it in his community helping to support himself and Comfort.

If storytellers are the most powerful people in the world, then they are only as powerful as the subjects of their story. Lawrence and Comfort are a testament to the tenacity of the human spirit, and to the bond between father and daughter. They are an inspiration, and we should all be inspired by their story. Amen.

Areas of Focus of projects funded by The Rotary Foundation

1. Water and Sanitation
2. Maternal and Child Health
3. Disease Prevention and Treatment
4. Basic Education and Literacy
5. Economic/Community Development
6. Peace and Conflict Resolution
7. Environmental Protection

**BUFFET MENU AUGUST 11**

Pulled Pork, Macaroni and Cheese, Corn O' Brian and mixed green salad.

AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AUG. 4: Paul Kalainoff	Aug. 16: Anita Wubbena
Aug. 5: Dwayne Anderson	Aug. 19: Duncan Cameron
Aug. 9: Chris Connolly	Aug. 21: Marty O'Boyle
Aug. 10: Ardita Grunwald	Aug. 23: Jill Grunwald
Aug. 11: Nathan Kessler	Aug. 25: Deanna Jensen-Valliere
Aug. 13: Tiffany Lensch	
Aug. 13: Jimmy Holt	Aug. 28: Josh Cobie
Aug. 13: Jan Touney	Aug. 28: Jim Smith

CONGRATULATIONS!

To North Scott Rotary for qualifying for the 2022-23 Rotary Citation (below) from Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, for completion of projects in all Avenues of Service: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service. The Presidential Citation is a challenge given to every club president at the beginning of the Rotary year. Thank you to Josie Cochuyt for submitting the qualifying information about North Scott Rotary's activities!

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Aug. 11: Josie Cochuyt
Aug. 18: Jeremy Kaiser
Aug. 25: Kelly Meyer

INSPIRATION

Aug. 11: Drew Wilson
Aug. 18: Dick Cole
Aug. 25: John Maxwell

SONG LEADER

Aug. 11: TBA
Aug. 18: TBA
Aug. 25: TBA

GREETERS

Aug. 11: Roger Amhof, Jan Touney
Aug. 18: Rich Horst, Donn Wilmott
Aug. 25: Terrye Kishiue, Deanna Jensen-Valliere

PIANO

Aug. 4: Terri Wittkowski
Aug. 11: Tewanta Lopez
Aug. 18: Marguerite Holzworth

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CLOTHING

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2022-23 ROTARY CITATION

Awarded to the Rotary Club of

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Jennifer Jones
 President, Rotary International

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

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ROTARY NIGHT AT THE Q. C. RIVER BANDITS

A Joint Quad City Area Rotary Event

FRIDAY – AUGUST 11, 2023

Bring your family, friends, and prospective Rotarians!



Gates open at 5:45pm – Game time 6:30pm

RIVER BANDITS vs CEDAR RAPIDS KERNELS

SPECIAL ROTARY RESERVED BOX SEATS SECTION

TICKETS JUST \$10!

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FLIGHT TO END POLIO



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Hope turns to Belief in Rotary campaign to eradicate polio

By Bill Tubbs

In Pakistan, pilot **Peter Teahan**, when asked if he hoped polio would be eradicated, gave a disappointing answer, No. But the mood changed when he clarified himself to say, "I don't **HOPE** polio will be eradicated, I **BELIEVE** it will be eradicated!"

Teahan's belief that Rotary's 36-year quest to eradicate the once-dreaded disease will end in ultimate success quickly caught on. Banners with "Believe" (above) will soon be seen. Thus far in 2023 just six positive diagnoses from the wild polio virus have been confirmed: five in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan.

We are truly "this close!" The **Flight to End Polio**, which lifted off from Cedar Rapids on May 5, returned safely to Cedar Rapids on schedule Sunday, July 30 amidst cheers from more than 300 well-wishers. After traversing 25,323 miles with 33 landings in 25 countries in their Cessna T210M single-engine airplane, **Teahan** and District 6000 PDG **John Ockenfels** have exceeded their goal of raising \$1 million for The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus campaign. Estimates of \$1.5 million to \$2 million may come to pass, including the 2:1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – and, the fact that donations made directly to The Rotary Foundation may not be known.

The trip was not without adventure. They were stalled multiple times with mechanical issues, beginning with an alternator that needed replacing on Day No. 2 in New Hampshire. In Pakistan, Teahan contracted a parasite and was hospitalized twice, once for nine days in Australia.

Each time, however, the pilots said Rotarians and complete strangers rallied to their support, and awareness was created as never before. Learn more and see how you can donate at <https://www.flighttoendpolio.com/>.



John Ockenfels and Peter Teahan give interviews for the media upon their return home July 30.

Photo by Editor



Bill and Linda Tubbs of North Scott were among 300 Rotarians and friends who welcomed the pilots home on July 30. From left: Heidi Drager and District Governor Dennis Drager of Marshalltown; George Chaffey from Lafayette, Calif.; the Tubbses; pilots PDG John Ockenfels and Peter Teahan; and PDG Jacque Andrew, of Jefferson. Chaffey is president of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

Photo for Editor