



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Founded in 1973

North Scottarian

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH SCOTT

Eldridge/Davenport, Iowa

Rotary International President
Gordon R. MacInally
South Queensferry, Scotland

District 6000 District Governor
Dennis Drager, Marshalltown

Assistant District Governor
Jeff Ashcraft, North Scott

OFFICERS President
Tracy Lindaman

President-Elect
Greg Schaapveld

Vice President
Deanna Jensen-Valliere

Vice President-Elect
Tony Knobbe

Treasurer
Steve Fahrenkrog

Sergeant-At-Arms
Nate Kessler

Past President Ex-Officio
Josie Cochuyt

Board Members 2022-24
Tyler Bindrum
Danielle Hines
Ryan Johnson
Sara Somsky

2023-25
Chance Berger
Stephanie Eckhardt
Katie White
Theresa White

Executive Secretary
Deb Peterson
dennis.peterson1@gmail.com
563-570-4185

Volunteer Editor
Bill Tubbs

Vol. 53 No. 15 www.northscottrotary.org Email: NSRotary@aol.com Oct. 18, 2023

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.

Ontiveros helped launch **Mercado on Fifth** 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.



Maria Ontiveros



Cake & Coin/2; Birthday/3-6; Harvest Party/7; Auction/8, 10

CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 22: Zone 29 and 25B Rotary Institute, Evanston. Bill Tubbs joining 300 Rotary leaders at RI Headquarters and Ukrainian Cultural Center.

Friday, Oct. 20: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Mercado on Fifth**, with **Maria Ontiveros**, arranged by **Ardita Grunwald** for **Rita Rawson**.

Monday, Oct. 23: **World Polio Day** dinner, evening, at Quad-City Botanical Center, hosted by Quad City Rotary clubs, featuring Rotarian pilots **PDG John Ockenfels'** and **Peter Teahan's** 90-day **Flight to End Polio** which ended July 30, raising \$1.5 million for PolioPlus with 39 stops in 19 countries in single-engine Cessna 210 Turbo Centurian plane.

Friday, Oct. 27: Friendly Friday at North Scott Junior High. Rotarians welcome students at 7:15 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 27: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Tom Goodall**, "50 Years of Quad-City Theater," arranged by **Scott Case**.

Friday, Nov. 3: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **J. Douglas Miller**, local coordinator for the **Avati Bros.** who have come to the Quad Cities on several occasions to film motion pictures, arranged by **Rich Horst**.

Thursday, Nov. 9: "Pay It Forward to Veterans," at Alan Shepard Elementary, Long Grove. 1:00 p.m. We will be assisting the students in preparing a goodie bag of toiletries and a personal note of gratitude to veterans served by the Veterans Outreach Center in Davenport.

Friday, Nov. 10: Board of directors, 10:30 a.m. at Steeplegate. Any member may attend.

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, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 24: (No meeting, Thanksgiving)

Friday, Dec. 1: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, YWCA program arranged by **Marcia Brandt**.

Friday, Dec. 8: Board of directors, 10:30 a.m. at Steeplegate. Any member may attend.

Friday, Dec. 8: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Tony Knobbe**.

Friday, Dec. 15: (Week of Holiday Party)

Friday, Dec. 22: (No meeting, Christmas)

Friday, Dec. 29: (No meeting, Nw Year's)

Friday, Jan. 5: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option: Iowa Secretary of State **Paul Pate**, Human Trafficking Prevention, arranged by **Chris Cournoyer** for **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**.

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7: District 6000 Rotary Youth Exchange Winter Retreat, Paul Kalainoff.

Friday, Jan. 12: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBS, **Richard Pokora**.

Friday, Jan. 19: Dr. Barbara Wilson, president of the **University of Iowa**, arranged by **Chris Cournoyer**.

Friday, Jan. 26: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, Rotarian **Mark Harvey**, CEO, Central Scott Telephone and CST Communications, arranged by **Drew Wilson**.

Friday, Feb. 16: Michelle Hargrave, Executive Director &



Holly Loussaert baked the 50th Anniversary cake. Photo by Editor

CEO of **The Figge**, arranged by **Rita Rawson**.

Friday, Feb. 23: Happy 119th Birthday, Rotary International!

Saturday, Feb. 24: Grant Management Seminar, West Liberty Community Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Friday, March 8: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, **Dougal Nelson, Junior Achievement**, arr. by **Scott Case**.

Friday, March 8: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom, **Dougal Nelson, Junior Achievement**, arranged by Scott Case.

Saturday, March 16-Sunday, March 24: District 6000 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico.

Friday, March 22: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option: "Butterflies," with **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**.

Friday, April 5: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option: University of Northern Iowa president **Dr. Mark Nook**, arranged by **Chris Cournoyer**.



Attendees received a Four-Way Test coin. (If you were unable to attend, there is one for you at the Steeplegate Inn!)

OCT. 13: HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY!

Happy 50th Birthday, North Scott Rotary!

By **Bill Tubbs/Volunteer Editor**

Oct. 13, 2023: Sixty-nine members and 13 guests who came to our 50th Anniversary meeting connected with our past and were inspired for the future (we hope!). Members had a chance to see memorabilia, heard stories about our founding and traditions, enjoyed birthday cake and received a two-sided Four-Way Test coin. **Tewanta Lopez** provided piano music and **Sara Tomasson** led singing of "America the Beautiful," "Welcome Song," "R-O-T-A-R-Y," and "Happy Birthday." **Tony Knobbe** introduced guests and Visiting Rotarians: **Duncan Cameron** (Rotary Club of Naples, FL), **Mike Vondran** (Rotary Club of Bettendorf), **Doug Peterson** (Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities), **Marvin Elliott** and **Shirley Cole** (guests of **Dick Cole**), **Dwain** and **Dorothy Swanson** and **Kevin Swanson** (guests of **Katie White**), **Carrie Keppy** (guest of **John Maxwell**), **Jean Keppy** (guest of **Glen Keppy**), **Nancy Case** (guest of **Scott Case**), **Linda Tubbs** (guest of **Bill Tubbs**), and **Lorene Knobbe** (guest of **Tony Knobbe**). Joining by Zoom was **Steve Suiter**. **Tony** asked attendees to think of the absolute blessing of their spouse. When asked his thoughts, charter member **Dwain Swanson** commented, "I have a soft spot in my heart for Rotary for all the things you do." He has a special memory of a trip to Tanzania.

Announcements:

President Tracy Lindaman thanked **Tewanta** for the music, and asked members to take a Four-Way Test coin as a souvenir.

President Tracy asked **Jeremy Kaiser** for a comment about Wednesday's Youth Harvest Party. **Jeremy** said "great job" and asked volunteers to stand. (photos, p. 7).

Deanna Jensen-Valliere made a last call for Saturday's "Walk for Freedom," sponsored by Rotary District 6420 (photo, p. 8). Deanna's new fact: One third of human trafficking is by family members!

President Tracy, in the interest of time: 1) Asked members to bring candy next Friday for **Trunk or Treat** for Family Resources; 2) Urged donations for the Nov. 17 **Rotary Auction**; 3) Reminded of the Oct. 17 **Rotary Foundation Social** at Crawford Brew in Bettendorf; and 4) the Oct. 23 **World Polio Day Dinner** at the QC Botanical Center which will feature pilots **John Ockenfels** and **Peter Teahan** from the Flight To End Polio (registration closes 5 p.m. Oct. 21, p. 9).

Goodies Auction:

NOTES, continued



Three of North Scott Rotary's 37 charter members joined the celebration, (l-r) Dwain Swanson, former general manager of Eldridge Co-op, age 88, from Ankeny; Bill Tubbs; and Eldridge veterinarian Dr. Marv Elliott, 85, with president Tracy Lindaman.

Photo by Jan Touney



Memorabilia included current and past club banners, Rotary Handbook, old newsletters, roster books, newspaper clipping from 1973, a baseball cap, the "fake" charter (where's the real one?), and a newspaper tabloid from 2005.

Photo by Editor

OCT. 13: HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY!

Reflection on 50 years of North Scott Rotary

NOTES, continued on page 3

The first of five weekly Goodies Auctions was led by **John Maxwell**. See results below.

Personals:

Tracy Lindaman asked support for: 1) Tonight's Trivia Night sponsored by the North Scott Education Foundation and the North Scott Education Association; and 2) Saturday's Ohl Strong tailgate for pancreatic cancer research and prevention.

Chris Connolly was happy to give \$20 for son Kiernan's MBA earned at the University of North Carolina. *Congratulations, and Thank You!*

Sean Eckhardt asked support for Sunday's mattress sale fundraiser for the North Scott band.

Sergeant-at-arms Deanna Jensen-Valliere raised \$110 in fun fines including \$1 if you're not a farmer and \$1 if you did not serve in the armed forces.

Program

Bill Tubbs gave an overview of North Scott Rotary from the charter to the present, distilling 50 years into 11 minutes, accompanied by photos from the past and present. The script of his presentation is on page 6 to add to the historical record. **Becky Bray's** reflection is at right.

Rotary 

Week No. 1 Goodies Auction

In remembrance of his late wife, Bev, Jim Smith donated a dozen home-made turtles for the first of five weekly "Goodies" auctions before the Nov. 17 Auction. Week No. 1 results:

- Dozen home made turtles, made by Jim Smith** purchased by Chris Connolly, **\$325**
- Apple Pie, baked by Linda Paustian** purchased by Sean Eckhardt, **\$300**
- Pecan Pie, baked by Jean Keppy** purchased by Dr. William Hoover, **\$175**
- Cookies from Repubiican dinner, donated by Ann Hanson,** purchased by Jeff Helms, **\$75**



NORTH SCOTT ROTARY

1973



2023

'You've given me causes to care about, friends to cherish'

By **Becky Bray**

What an honor it is for all of us to be a part of North Scott Rotary. I am so glad that 50 years ago, some men decided to start a Rotary club to serve our community. I am **doubly glad** that along the way, they saw the **wisdom of including women!**

Today we are here to **honor the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future.** In Rotary today, we are creating the history of the future. And what a proud history it will be! ...

Because North Scott Rotary **makes a difference.** In our **community.** In the **world.** And in **each of our hearts!**

Each of us has become who we are today, partly because of our experiences in Rotary. I would probably not know most of you if I hadn't joined Rotary. **You've enriched my life** – given me **causes to care about, opportunities to learn, chances to serve and friends to cherish.**

We often talk about **Rotary being our family.** Why is that important to us? Well, families offer love, security, fun times, respect and a lifetime of memories. **We have all that in Rotary.** But let's be honest – families also disagree at times. We have a bit of that in Rotary, too! It's how we make our best decisions.

We look forward to our **Friday lunches, our service projects, our social time, our fundraising.** We especially look forward to our sergeants and are anxious to see who they will pick on, how funny they will be and of course, how much money they will raise for our causes. Though some are fined more than others, **Jim Smith** finds a way for all of us to contribute.

One of the things I appreciate about Rotary is that we can all find **projects that meet our skills and interests.** I'm personally glad to have co-chaired the auction committee with **Pat and Cody** and help move our auction to be an event that is not only enjoyed, but that makes so much money to help others. **Tricia** and I spent a lot of quality time transporting and cataloging the donations.

NOTES, continued on next page

REFLECTIONS**Rotary: 'Service Above Self'**NOTES, *continued*

I've helped with our literacy goal by **reading** at the schools, giving out **dictionaries** and suggesting that we send books home with the kids at the **Harvest Party**.

The **inclusive playground** was a touching project to help with – even though my abilities were limited to literally sorting out the nuts and bolts.

Projects not only give us an opportunity for service, but they become the way that we strengthen our relationships! Never hesitate to get involved.

The **programs each Friday** are quality and I leave each week knowing more than when I came in. Even from programs that I thought would be boring!

I'm glad to be part of a group that cares about its members. I sincerely hope others have felt that from me personally and **I appreciate that I have had support** through some major health issues in my family.

And one last benefit of coming here each Friday. I'm not a great cook and I love having **a meal prepared** for me!

Scott Case

Scott Case spoke passionately about his and Nancy's experiences hosting **Youth Exchange** students **Hedafukuda** from **Japan** and **Peté Estrada** from **Spain**. He challenged youth to see if they could get started again. He thanked his wife, **Nancy**, and spoke of the joy at **Service Club Olympics** when **Roy Keppy** came up for air in the "dive and glide"; of his international trip to **Calabasa, Mexico**, with **Koehlers** and **Coles**; and of the comedy **Bob Fox** brought to the club. "It was a tremendous benefit when **women** joined. Thank you so much to all the women and men who have made Rotary very special. After all these years, it's evident to me that Rotary is **not about what you can get, but what you can give.**"

Jeff Ashcraft

Jeff Ashcraft told the **cracked windshield** in his van in Uganda, and the emotional moment meeting his **Ugandan daughter, Prisca**, and seeing Rotary in her eyes just like we see Rotary in the eyes of kids at the **Tryke Build** and **Harvest Party** and **Special Olympics**. "That's how North Scott Rotary demonstrates **Service Above Self** and **Creating Hope in the World** locally and internationally.

CLUB SERVICE**GREETERS**

Oct. 20: Stephanie Eckhardt,
Chance Berger

Oct. 27: Rily Grunwald,
and Marty O'Boyle

Nov. 3: Marcie Ordaz, Jill
Grunwald

Nov. 10: Ardita Grunwald,
Jan Touney

PIANO

Oct. 20: Marguerite
Holzworth

Oct. 27: Marguerite
Holzworth

Nov. 3: Teri Wittkowski

Nov. 10: Tewanta Lopez

SONG LEADER

Oct. 20: Jeff Ashcraft

Oct. 27: Paul Holzworth

Nov. 3: Kelly Meyer

Nov. 10: Drew Wilson

REFLECTION

Oct. 20: Chance Berger

Oct. 27: Drew Wilson

Nov. 3: Marcie Ordaz

Nov. 10: Dick Cole

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Oct. 20: Sean Eckhardt

Oct. 27: Ross Paustian

Nov. 3: Eric Langan

Nov. 10: Kelly Meyer

MAKEUPS

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

Monday, Oct. 9: Deanna Jensen-Valliere: D6000 RAGAS Team Meeting via Zoom.

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Deanna: Rotary International World Mental Health Day via Facebook live.

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Youth Harvest Party volunteers: Merle Anderson (Mary Lou), Marcia Brandt, Dick Cole (Shirley), Tyler Bindrum, Stephanie Eckhardt, Sean Eckhardt, Dale Grunwald, Jill Grunwald, Riley Grunwald, Mark Harvey, William Hoover, Monica Hursey, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Ryan Johnson, Mindy Leahy, Traqcy Lindaman, Matt Maiers, Marty O'Boyle, Deb Peterson, Jim Smith, Sara Tomasson, Jan Touney, Bill Tubbs (Linda), Katie White, Jordan Williams (Laura).

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Mini-meet at Maloney's: Rev. Rich Pokora, Rob White, Steve Fahrenkrog, Jason Happel, Jerry Coussens, Hank Runge, Merle Anderson and Tracy Lindaman (both after Harvest party).

Friday, Oct. 13: Board of Directors: Tracy Lindaman, Greg Schaapveld, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Tony Knobbe, Steve Fahrenkrog, Nathan Kessler, Deb Peterson, Tyler Bindrum, Danielle Hines, Ryan Johnson, Stephanie Eckhardt, Katie White, Theresa White, Becky Bray, Bill Tubbs.

Saturday, Oct. 14: Walk for Freedom: Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Kelly Meyer, Dr. William Hoover.

WHERE OTHER CLUBS MEET

Monday, Noon..... Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons

Monday, Noon..... Davenport, Bittner YMCA

Monday, 12:10..... Muscatine, Rendevouz, 3127 Lucas St.

Monday, 12:15..... Moline, Trinity Lutheran, 1313 13th Av.

Monday, 6:00 p.m. Quad Cities Illinois, HyVee, 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, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

..... Tipton, 208 W. Fifth St., Tipton

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

BUFFET MENU OCT. 20

Huli Chicken with rice, Mixed vegetables, Mixed green salad

Wear your Rotary pin with pride!

50 YEARS OF NORTH SCOTT ROTARY

Fifty years ago, the leaders of Rotary District 6000, led by Davenport Rotarian and **District Governor Henry Hook**, who was publisher of the *Davenport Times-Democrat*, saw a need for a new Rotary club to serve the growing North Scott area; a club which would bring together community leaders in Eldridge-North Scott, and Davenport north of Duck Creek. Back then, we had a defined territory. That has been changed to “vicinity,” so now members can live anywhere.

Our sponsoring club was the **Rotary Club of Davenport**, which was 275 members strong. Our bell and gavel – which have found themselves in mysterious places such as Weed Park in Muscatine – were gifts from Davenport Rotary, which had an office on Brady Street, and that’s where our club’s records were kept by executive secretary **Bob Bawden**, and his secretary **Henrietta Cahill**.

Thirty-seven men – Rotarians were all men back then – accepted the invitation. They were leaders in their professions. The meeting place was **Holden’s Edgetowner** at Mt. Joy. We outgrew The Edgetowner and moved to the **Davenport Holiday Inn** in 1980, and have been at the **Steeplegate Inn** since 1985.

In the book, “Rotary: The Iowa Influence,” which is a history of District 6000, it is written by **Bob Bawden**, “*Securing new communities for Rotary clubs then was difficult, but Henry was going to do it in his year as governor! So, in October 1973, the Rotary Club of North Scott was chartered in a ceremony we shall never forget! Henry invited every Rotarian from three districts around and secured as featured speakers the Rotary International President from London, England, William Carter, and the Governor of Iowa, Robert D. Ray.*”

Here’s a photo of **RI President Carter** with our framed charter. The date on the actual club charter says **Oct. 10**, but the **Charter Night itself was Oct. 16, 1973**. Copies of the charter night program are at your tables. Charter Night at Palmer Auditorium was attended by 800 Rotarians and guests. A highlight was the presentation of the charter to our first president, **Dan Whalen** – an attorney and the father of Heart of America Restaurateur **Mike Whalen** – and each member received personal congratulations from the RI President.

From that point forward, it was onward and upward. The **club banner**, with themes chosen by members, features a steamboat on the Mississippi and the farm tractor to show rural-urban friendship. The earlier banner included clasped hands and an ear of corn. There’s a picture of a banner exchange from 1997 with past president **Pat DeLuca**.

The name “NorScottarian” for the **club newsletter** was chosen among nominations that included “The Scotsman,” “Noter-Rotary,” “Rota-Hooter” and a dozen or so others. Back then, before the Internet or email, the printed newsletter – usually one page – was mailed to each member’s home AND business. Editor Bawden’s newsletters often included cartoons and jokes.

Our **first program** was a forum with Davenport mayoral candidates, and programs since have been varied and mostly interesting – with a few exceptions, perhaps! Always in the eye of the beholder. We’ve heard from college presidents, governors, generals, authors, mayors, artists, musicians, youth, and best of all, from our own members.

The **most attended weekly meeting** was in 2015, when 160 heard presidential candidate **Carli Fiorini**. Before that, it was 105 in 1999 for Vice President **Dan Quayle**. That’s the Vice President, at left, shaking hands with **Harlan Meier**. The VP was late arriving and we were singing R-O-T-A-R-Y when he entered. In his opening remarks, he thanked us for the spelling lesson!

The first new member after the charter was **Walt Fahrenkrog**, Steve’s dad. That’s Walt, the CPA, at left, in the early years, and at right, with **Jim Smith**. Walt was our fourth club treasurer – **Roger Burt, Don Langan, Jerry Hansen** – and served until his passing in 2009.

Another new member was **Mel Heiler**, the North Scott superintendent for whom gifts to our **Educational Foundation** were named when it was formed in 1993 – Mel Heiler Fellows. That’s Mel, at left, and **Sheila Volrath** at right, presenting one of many North

Scott Rotary scholarships – I estimate \$250,000 awarded since the foundation was started in 1993.

Music was important from the start, too. In 1985, president **Roy Keppy** persuaded **Dorothy White**, Rob’s mom, to play, and she became an institution, making music at Rotary until three months before she died at age 98 in January 2012. That’s **Dorothy**, at left, and president **Scott Case** presenting an honorarium to **Dorothy**. A performing arts scholarship was later named in her honor. The music continued after Dorothy’s death, thanks to **Paul Holzworth** arranging for the rotating pianists **Tewanta, Terri and Marguerite**.

The announcement of the **Dorothy White scholarship** was the same year as the Valentine Party when the missing charter was found by the security firm **Duck, Duck & Run** and returned to president **Carl Stigdon** by a large woman, **Tom Yates**, presumably a spurned lover, dragged into the room on a long rope. That skit, like others, was concocted, at least in part, by the late **John Pfeiffer**, our second president, who made sure we had fun. He shook things up when fines were raised from 50 cents to a dollar! That’s **John**, at right, with former county Extension Director **Don Olson**.

The serious side of Rotary was summed up in a talk last year by **Ann Hanson**, our food server for many years at the Steeplegate. We have many points of view, she said, but we leave our differences at the door. That’s **Ann**, at left, several years ago, with Santa Claus.

In our 50 years there has been stability with just three executive secretary teams. I worked with **Henrietta** after **Bob** retired in 1996, and **Dennis** and **Deb Peterson** took over in 2007 and it’s been just **Deb** since 2020. That’s **Dennis** and **Deb** at the 2016 District Conference in Des Moines.

Two major changes occurred in 1987:

1) The U.S. Supreme Court said Rotary could not exclude **women as members**. North Scott Rotary was not an early adapter, but we’ve come a long way. **Pam Peters**, at top left, was first, and then **Judi Holdorf, Schar Blevins, Linda McClurg, Anita Wubbena** and **Becky Bray, Kelly Meyer** and **Sheila Volrath** joined shortly thereafter.

2) Rotary world-wide made the commitment to **eradicate polio**: it was Rotary’s first world-wide service project. North Scott Rotarians have given generously, and two of us – **John Maxwell** and I – have joined polio immunization teams. That’s me, at left, in **India**, and at right, in **Nigeria**. Sorry, John, I couldn’t find a picture!

Our longest standing project, begun in 1977, has been volunteering at **Special Olympics**. That’s **Jeff Ashcraft**, at left, with one of our favorite athletes, **Tommy Ganzer**, and **Brad Burt**, at right, measuring the softball throw with **Mike Corbin**.

We’ve volunteered in more ways than I have time to name. A recent favorite was the **Rotary Inspiration Play Zone**. That’s president **Dennis Peterson**, in yellow, cutting the ribbon, in October 2017. The **Tryke Build** is another favorite, among many. **Miracle Field, Rotary Adventures, Habitat House, Harvest Party, Student Dictionaries, Interact** – where do we start and stop? I estimate the value North Scott Rotary’s community service over the years about **\$2 million** ... but priceless, actually. Some things, like **servicing meals to the police**, cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Internationally, we opened our homes and hearts to **Youth Exchange** students and **Group Study Exchange** teams and three times provided vocational training for teams of **Russian businessmen**. That’s the team from 2002, upon their arrival, at **Jim Smith’s** house. We are a **100 percent Sustaining Club** for giving to **The Rotary Foundation**, and at one point achieved recognition as an **All Paul Harris Fellows Club**.

We’ve supported district projects in **Mexico** and **Guatemala** and have sponsored **Rotary Foundation grants** in many countries, most recently the **Imbabaze Centre for Women and Children in Uganda**. The reward is on the faces of the people.

As one who has been privileged to have been part of North Scott Rotary from the start, I have seen us at our best when we are looking outward, not inward, serving with love and **Creating Hope in the World**.
– *Bill Tubbs*

HARVEST PARTY, OCTOBER 11, 2023



Organizers Jeremy Kaiser (North Scott) and Chris Townsend (Davenport).



Londell Hendricksen and two schoolmates from Neil Armstrong Elementary in Park View take a ride to the country.
Photos by Editor



Kayden Walker from Big Brothers- Big Sisters.



New member Dr. Bill Hoover (c) with Riley and Dale Grunwald.



Matt Maier, Josh Cobie with students and leaders from Neil Armstrong Elementary, among 119 students from five groups: Hope at Brick House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Sonshine Ministries, and Boys' and Girls' Club.

AUCTION SPONSORS

Thank you to Auction Sponsors!

Sponsorships now total \$40,000 for the Nov. 17 North Scott Rotary 50th Anniversary Auction, evening, at Rhythm City Casino. The invitation for sponsorship is open to all! Contact Pat Olsen, 563-212-2533, email: olsenpatrickd@gmail.com.

Platinum

Bill and Linda Tubbs

Gold

Ross and Carol Paustian
Chris Connolly Wells Fargo Advisors
Per Mar Security Services
Koehler Electric
ORA
White Roofing
The Volrath Castle Group at Morgan Stanley
IHMVCU

Silver

Porter Insurance
The North Scott Press
Northwest Bank & Trust
Whitehaven Veterinary Center
Olsen Financial
Iowa American Water
First Central State Bank
Central Scott Telephone
Grunwald Land Development / SimplyZoom Photography
All Around Town

Bronze

Carpetland USA
Merle and Mary Lou Anderson
Burt Chiropractic Clinic
Aqua Tech Car Wash
Sierk Orthodontics
Shive Hattery
ServPro
Terracon
The Eckhardt Team - Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors
Sieren Roofing Services
Mbrico
LivWell Seniors
Edward Jones- Danielle Hines
Amhof Trucking
Quad-City Bank & Trust
Leroy and Linda Paustian
Jack and Georgine Schinckel
Barrel House
Dave's Roofing

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Here are two possibilities for Rotarians looking for an international service opportunity.

1. Delhi, India, Polio National Immunization Days

Howard Tours of Oakland, Calif., is organizing a trip to Delhi, India, tentatively Jan. 27-Feb. 6, 2024, which is an opportunity for Rotarians to participate in what might be India's last nationally-sponsored Polio Immunization Days. Owner Brad Howard is a former Director of Rotary International who organized the trip which Bill Tubbs was on in 2012 and John Maxwell in 2013. We vouch for its credibility.

2024 NID Trip: <https://tinyurl.com/mwnjw2ut>

Jolene Bortz: (510) 834-2260

2. Xicotepec, Mexico with District 6000

Registration for the Rotary District 6000 March 2024 trip to Xicotepec, Mexico, is now open! Since 2003, District 6000 has sent a team of up to 75 Rotarians and youth annually. North Scott Rotarians Bill Tubbs and Dr. Anita Wubbena have participated. Trip dates are March 9-17, 2024. Apply online by going to <https://xicoproject.org> and clicking Apply. Read instructions, apply, and pay \$200 deposit online. Deadline: Nov. 12, 2024. The cost of the 2024 trip varies from \$2,050-2,260. The cost includes all ground and air transportation, lodging, and nearly all meals. Our team of Rotarians, youth, University students, and faculty members will work with the Rotary Club of Xicotepec on some of the most urgent community needs. Examples of past projects include construction of school classrooms and libraries, screenings for diabetes, dental outreach, domestic violence prevention, water projects, and more. If you have questions, contact us at any time. Please forward this to your friends and colleagues who may be interested as well. You may also follow us on Facebook or donate online to help fund our work. Your gifts support life-changing experiences for everyone involved. Thank you.

The Xicotepec Project: info@xicoproject.org

Jim Peterson, Iowa City, (319) 631-2992



Walk for Freedom

North Scott Rotarians Kelly Meyer, Deanna Jensen-Valliere and Dr. Bill Hoover in Saturday's Rotary District 6420 Walk for Freedom with Davenport Rotarian Maggie Tinsman and District 6420 District Governor Dave Emrick of Moline.

Facebook

Rotary Clubs of the Quad Cities WORLD POLIO DAY CELEBRATION



MONDAY, Oct. 23 at Quad City Botanical Center

2525 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Reception: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. followed by
program featuring

pilots John Ockenfels and Peter Teahan



– Flight to End Polio –

May 5-July 30, 2023 • 25,338 miles • 39 stops • 19 countries • \$1.5 million

The Rotary clubs of eastern Iowa and western Illinois are hosting a joint World Polio Day banquet on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Ill. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. We are honored to welcome Rotarians PDG John Ockenfels and Peter Teahan who have traveled the world in to raise awareness and raised over \$1.5 million to help End Polio Now. Tickets for the Banquet are \$25 each with \$7.50 of each ticket going to Polio Plus. Learn more about Flight to End Polio: <https://www.flight-to-end-polio.org>



**AROUND THE WORLD:
FLIGHT TO END POLIO**



USE THE QR CODE AT
RIGHT TO REGISTER,
or email: [srector3614@
gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com)
OR call: 563-343-7985
OR send a check for
\$25 per person to
Rotary, PO Box 4514,
Rock Island, IL 61201



AUCTION DONATION FORM



North Scott Rotary 50th Anniversary Celebration Donation Form

Do you prefer to be recognized by:

- Company Name
- Individual Name

Company / Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Donated Item: (please be specific, contents or details that will be helpful to know) _____

Item Value: _____