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THIS FRIDAY: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate

We will kick off the New Year at the Steeplegate Inn with Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate in a program arranged for **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** by **Chris Cournoyer**.

Secretary Pate worked with the Iowa Legislature to enact the Safe at Home program, an initiative aimed at protecting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and stalking by keeping their address confidential. More than 1,200 Iowans participate in Safe at Home.

In January of 2022, Secretary Pate launched the Iowa Businesses Against Trafficking coalition. Over 400 businesses and organizations joined the coalition within its first month, and the efforts to end human trafficking in Iowa continue to grow.

Secretary State has dedicated his life to public service. Now entering his fourth term as Iowa's Commissioner of Elections, Secretary Pate is guided by three core principles: service, participation and integrity.

Under Secretary Pate's leadership, Iowa has become one of the top three states in the nation for election administration. The state has broken numerous records for voter registration and participation during his tenure. Secretary Pate successfully



Secretary of State Paul Pate

instituted Iowa's online voter registration system in 2016.

He has also taken steps to protect election integrity by drafting Iowa's Voter ID laws and defending them in court multiple times. Secretary Pate also established a post-election audit system and greatly enhanced Iowa's election cybersecurity. His civic education programs, voting accessibility initiatives, and election cy

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 4: Pay It Forward at Neil Armstrong Elementary School, Park View, to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, Iowa City.

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, Newton, **Paul Kalainoff**.

Wednesday, Jan. 10: Rotarians invited to participate in "Big for a Day" over lunch, project of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, at Ed White Elementary, Eldridge, and Neil Armstrong Elementary, Park View. Contact Tyler Bindrum, 563-570-3622, or tyler@cstech.com.

Friday, Jan. 12: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, state Reps. **Gary Mohr** and **Mike Vondran**, arranged by **Richard Pokora**.

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

Saturday, Jan. 20: Rotarians volunteer at East Area Special Olympics Basketball Skills, approx. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at North Scott Junior High.

Friday, Jan. 26: Friendly Friday at North Scott Junior High, welcome students at 7:20 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 26: Holiday Party. Watch for details.

Friday, Feb. 2: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Richard Horst**.

Friday, Feb. 9: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, Valentine Party, tentative.

Friday, Feb. 16: **Michelle Hargrave**, Executive Director & CEO of **The Figge**, arranged by **Rita Rawson**.

Friday, Feb. 16: District 6000 AG Orientation, DMACC Newton Campus, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17: President-Elect Orientation and District 6000 Annual Meeting, DMACC Newton Campus, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23: Friendly Friday at North Scott Junior High, welcome students at 7:20 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 23-Saturday, Feb. 24: North Central President-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS), hybrid, venue TBA.

Friday, Feb. 23: Happy 119th Birthday, Rotary International! Regular meeting at the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Marcia Brandt**.

Friday, March 1: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Bill Tubbs**.

Saturday, March 2: 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 15: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Tony Knobbe**.

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

Friday, March 22: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option: Haley DeGreve of "The Gray Matters Collective," arranged by **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**.

Friday, March 29: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, Bettendorf Mayor **Bob Gallagher**, arranged by **Richard**



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Saturday, March 30: District Assembly and Grant Management Seminar, DMACC Newton Campus.

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

Friday, April 12: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Drew Wilson**.

Saturday, April 13: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Grace Community Church, Boone, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, **Richard Horst**.

Friday, April 19: District 6000 Rotary Foundation Dinner Gala, Pella, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 2024: District 6000 District Conference, Pella Opera House, Pella, IA.

CLUB SERVICE

REFLECTION

Jan. 5: Deanna Jensen-Valliere
Jan. 12: John Maxwell
Jan. 19: Becky Bray

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jan. 5: Dr. Brad Burt
Jan. 12: Jeremy Kaiser
Jan. 19: Sara Tomasson

GREETERS

Jan. 5: Terry Kishiue, Pat Olsen
Jan. 12: Jody Johnston-Mohr,

Leroy Paustian

Jan. 19: Marcia Brandt, Warren Hodge

PIANO

Jan. 5: Terri Wittkowski
Jan. 12: Tewanta Lopez
Jan. 19: Marguertie Holzworth

SONG LEADER

Jan. 5: Jody Johnston-Mohr
Jan. 12: Jeff Ashcraft
Jan. 19: Paul Holzworth

DEC. 15, 2023: HOLIDAY FUN

Rotarians and guests got in a festive mood with colorful Christmas outfits.

Photo by Editor

Festive Friday at North Scott Rotary

By **Bill Tubbs/Volunteer Editor**

Dec. 15, 2023: Fifty-six members and 17 guests had fun before the holidays with festive dress and games at the Steeplegate Inn. President **Tracy Lindaman** presided and the Davenport Chordbusters opened the meeting singing "America the Beautiful." **John Maxwell** offered a prayer for the season, and **Tony Knobbe** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests: **Duncan Camerson** (Rotary Club of Naples, FL), Linda Tubbs (honorary member, guest of **Bill Tubbs**), **Sammiie Bindrum** (guest of **Tyler Bindrum**), **Evan Cole** (guest of **Dr. Diane Papke-Cole**), **Carmen Galvin** and **Ruth Almen** (guests of **Rev. Rich Pokora**), and 11 Chordbusters. Joining by Zoom was **Steve Suiter**.

Announcements

President Tracy thanked those who brought cookies for the cookie exchange. She raised awareness of the next "Pay It Forward" event, Thursday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. at Neil Armstrong Elementary School, Park View. The beneficiary will be the **Ronald McDonald House** at Iowa City, which provides housing and comfort for family members of patients at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic.

Circa '21: Marty O'Boyle said the kindergarten students from Neil Armstrong Elementary "had a ball" at Circa '21

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President Tracy Lindaman (r) presented a gratuity to food server Deb Steffan collected from members.



Theresa White, with Deanna Jensen-Valliere, shows her elf shoes.

Photos by Editor

DEC. 15, 2023: HOLIDAY FUN

Chordbusters sing

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Tuesday (Dec. 12). The event was paid by North Scott Rotary's school shop and arranged by **Jeremy Kaiser**. Photos were in the Dec. 13 issue of *The NorScottarian*.

Theresa White reported 10 went to North Scott Junior High this morning to welcome students. (Names in makeups list.)

Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Tyler Bindrum said all but a few spots are filled for "Big For A Day" Jan. 10 at Ed White and Neil Armstrong elementaries, North Scott. Information on page 7. Contact Contact Tyler Bindrum, 563-570-3622, or tyler@cstech.com.

Personals

Jan Touney had cards sponsored by the Bettendorf Business Group with photos of the Bettendorf bridge which members could buy.

Dick Cole said today he's "oldest I've ever been and the youngest I'll ever be." *Happy Birthday!*

Tony Knobbe mentioned his son and "nerd day."

Rev. Rich Pokora said the mini-meet on Wednesdays at Maloney's are a great time of fellowship.

Steve Powell said **Scott Case** had surgery this morning. Scott told the editor he had a cyst removed from his elbow at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City and is on the mend. *Get well soon!*

Bill Tubbs said he was supposed to be recovering now

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Tyler Bindrum and Jill Grunwald model the buff aprons which were the first prize for best men's and women's holiday outfits, as judged by Tony Knobbe and Duncan Cameron. Photo by Editor



Thanks to Facebook for this picture of a contingent of the Chordbusters at Rotary on Dec. 15, arranged by chapter president and North Scott Rotarian Drew Wilson (at left). Director Michael Callahan and assistant director Gary Schocker not pictured.

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from the bypass surgery which was scheduled Dec. 13, but changed because of Covid. It is now scheduled Dec. 26 at UW Hospitals in Madison if all goes well.

Chris Cournoyer is happy her Texas Longhorns are the College Football Playoffs.

Entertainment

Drew Wilson introduced members of the Davenport Chordbusters, under the direction of **Michael Callahan**, who sang Happy Birthday to **Dick Cole** and presented a program of (mostly) holiday music: "O Holy Night," "Rudolph," "Diddy Squat," "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." They are the Quad Cities' chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, which is world-wide. The chapter has sung continuously since 1952. They sing four-part a capella harmony and rehearse two hours Thursday evenings at the Institute for Therapeutic Massage building (formerly Johnson School), two blocks west of Five Points in northwest Davenport. Quartets can be hired as "Singing Valentines" on Feb. 14. The big spring show will be the afternoon of Saturday, March 16 at the Junior Theater Auditorium on the former Annie Wittenmyer campus on Eastern Avenue. To learn more, contact chapter president **Drew Wilson** at 815-719-3584, or drew@shipabdw.com.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sean and Stephanie Eckhardt raised \$55 in fines. Tables competed guessing answers to nine Christmas Trivia questions, and Eckhardts organized "The Left Right Game" in which they read a story. Small gifts which were wrapped and on the tables were to be passed left or right when the words "left" and "right" were spoken. Great fun!

President Tracy closed the meeting with members reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do.



Some of the items which were brought by members for local food pantries.

Photo by Editor

MAKEUPS/ROTARY ENGAGEMENT

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

Monday, Dec. 11: Deanna Jensen-Valliere, District 6000 Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery team meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 12: AG Jeff Ashcraft and Tracy Lindaman, Quad City Rotary presidents' meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 13: Mini-meet at Maloney's: Steve Fahrenkrog, Rev. Rich Pokora, Jerry Coussens, Donn Wilmott, Jim Smith, Dick Cole, Hank Runge, Rob White, Jason Happel, Mitch Amhof.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Bill Tubbs, District 6000 Executive Committee meeting, by Zoom.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Tracy Lindaman, Stephanie Eckhardt, Deb Peterson, meet with Robotics Department head, Greg Smith, Davenport West High School.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Jan Touney, Interact at North Scott Junior High.

Friday, Dec. 15: Friendly Friday at North Scott Junior High: Tracy Lindaman, Joe Stutting, Theresa White, Carrie Keppy, Jan Touney, Deb Peterson, Sean and Stephanie Eckhardt, Dale and Jill Grunwald.

Friday, Dec. 15: Jan Touney, adviser at North Scott Junior High Interact Club holiday party.

Friday, Dec. 15: Deanna Jensen-Valliere, D6420 RAGAS team meeting.

Friday, Dec. 15: Merle and Mary Lou Anderson, Christmas Social, Rotary Club of Catalina, Tucson, AZ.

Tuesday, Dec. 19: District 6000 Interact Committee meeting, by Zoom.

WHERE OTHER CLUBS MEET

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

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

Monday, 12:10..... Muscatine, Rendevoz, 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

**HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO ALL
IN THE NEW YEAR, 2024!**

JANUARY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 6: Carolyn Scheibe
Jan. 10: Brad Nielson
Jan. 15: Sean Eckhardt
Jan. 17: Eric Langan
Jan. 21: Jim Koehler
Jan. 28: Rily Grunwald

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 6, 1996: Happel, Jason & Sara (28 years)

JANUARY NORTH SCOTT ROTARY INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 1, 1993: Steve Powell, 31 years
Jan. 6, 2022: Chance Berger, 2 years
Jan. 6, 2006: Glenn Eakes, 18 years
Jan. 6, 2006: Richard Golinghorst, 18 years
Jan. 6, 2012: Nathan Kessler, 12 years
Jan. 6, 2011: Jerry Coussens, 13 years
Jan. 10, 2003: Dr. Bradley Burt, 21 years
Jan. 14, 2022: Catherine Meinsma, 2 years
Jan. 22, 2016: Jan Touney, 8 years
Jan. 25, 2019: Brian Ritter, 5 years
Jan. 26, 2006: Cody Allen, 17 years
Jan. 28, 2005: Kim Wilkins, 19 years

JANUARY SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 5: Sammy Bindrum (Tyler Bindrum)
Jan. 5: Shirley Cole (Dick)

PROGRAM

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bersecurity efforts have been recognized nationally by National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and the National/Student Parent Mock Election organization.

The Secretary of State's Office is the small business portal for the State of Iowa. For six of the past seven years under Secretary Pate, Iowa has seen a record amount of new business filings. Secretary Pate implemented a Fast Track Filing system in 2018 that greatly enhanced the speed and efficiency of the process.

Secretary Pate served as the President of the NASS from July 2019-July 2020. He is currently the Co-Chair of the NASS Elections Committee. Finally, Paul Pate is a nationally recognized small business leader, a father of three and grandfather of five. He and his wife Jane reside in Cedar Rapids.

OBITUARY

District Governor 2018-19 Tom Narak, from West Des Moines, died Dec. 18, in Huntsville, Alabama, following a huge stroke. The editor received a call Dec. 16 from Galen Howare that Tom had a severe stroke. Galen Howasare is Tom's friend and fellow West Des Moines Rotarian. He was an administrator at North Scott in the 1980s.



Tom Narak

Then this stunner from Galen on Dec 19: "Just received this from Carol Narak: 'Tom passed away yesterday. He was an organ donor, and just now he was sent on his way to Birmingham for organ donation. The hospital honored him with an Honor Walk, and the therapy dog, Vivian, joined us on the walk to the ambulance. It was awesome. They have treated him and us with such compassion and love and respect. We are so grateful.'"

Tom was the retired superintendent of the West Des Moines School District and served as District Governor in 2018-19. Since 2007, he was a member of Rotary's project team to Xicotepec, Mexico, and sometimes twice a year as the project's co-chair. He was also active in Iowa RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and as District Trainer. He was slated to be chair of North Central President-Elect Training Seminar and was co-chair of District Governor Dennis Drager's Four-Way Test Speech Contest at the time of his death.

Tom was raised in Chicago and graduated from Morningside College with a bachelor's degree. His academic career continued with a doctorate in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a master's degree from Northwest Missouri State University. Tom served as an elementary, middle, and high school principal over his career. He joined the School Administrators of Iowa and served as their Director of Government Relations until his retirement in April 2017.

When Tom was a principal in Schuyler, Nebraska, in 1979, he started his Rotary career. He joined the Rotary Club of Indianola after moving to Iowa, where he was president in 2003-04. He then became a member of the West Des Moines Rotary Club and served as president in 2013-2014.

In addition to Rotary, he formerly served on the boards of The United Way of Central Iowa and Morningside College. His wife, Carol, has been active on the board of the West Des Moines Friends of the Library in the meantime.

Tom's enthusiasm to assist underprivileged individuals, particularly children, demonstrates his devotion to changing the world. Tom has always made an effort to improve the lives of people in need, whether it be through education or volunteer work.

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FRIENDLY FRIDAY

From North Scott Rotary Facebook page: "We had a blast welcoming North Scott Junior High students to school on Friday morning with the Lion's Club!" Rotarians pictured: Dale Grunwald, Deb Peterson, Jill Grunwald, Joe Stutting, Stephanie Eckhardt, Theresa White. Also Carrie Keppy, Jan Touney, Deb Peterson, Sean Eckhardt.

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CLOTHING

North Scott Rotary clothing –

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MEMBER PROPOSAL

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL: Carmen Galvin has applied for membership and has been approved by both the board of directors and the classification committee. She has attended the past four meetings and will be sponsored by **Rev. Richard Pokora**. Carmen has been active in the child welfare community of the Quad Cities for the past 27 years and is currently the Director of Coordination for Family Resources. She and her husband reside in Bettendorf and have two adult children. Seven days for written objections.

ROTARY PRINCIPALS***The Object of Rotary***

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-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 **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

IT TAKES LITTLE TO BE BIG

 Big Brothers Big Sisters.



North Scott "Big for a Day"

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024—Neil Armstrong Elementary

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024— Edward White Elementary

It takes Little to be Big in a child's eyes! What better way to send a clear message of support and encouragement than to visit them at school for a "power lunch"! Big Brothers Big Sisters is partnering with the North Scott School District to host community members for lunch on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at Neil Armstrong and Edward White Elementary Schools.

Send a strong message!

"Big for a Day" lunch hour events provide you and your team the opportunity to send a strong message to area youth that the community supports and believes in their potential. Volunteers will learn about our area schools, meet great kids and gain a greater understanding of how they can support youth initiatives like Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A POWER lunch!

Following a brief welcome by school administration and BBBS staff, you'll be introduced and paired with a student for the lunch/recess hour. Volunteers are provided lunch courtesy of BBBS. Staff facilitate a variety of icebreakers and fun activities for you to get to know your student and have a great experience. The Power Lunch lasts approximately 1.5 hours and is in a group setting, with all volunteers and students in the same general area. Start and end times vary but are usually between 11AM and 1PM.

Make it a group thing!

Gather a group of employees/co-workers to participate! Wear your company shirts! Bring some swag for your student, build your team and connect with school and community partners and together make a difference!

Pick your school and register today!

www.bbbsmv.org/big-for-a-day

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