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FRIDAY: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option

Dougal Nelson, Junior Achievement of the Heartland

Junior Achievement is in the news about a big move, and here to tell us about that, and more, on Friday will be CEO and former North Scott Rotarian, Dougal Nelson. This program was arranged by Scott Case.

Dougal has extensive experience in management, sales, and business development in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. He has been instrumental in leading change throughout his professional career. Building and cultivating relationships, and inspiring the cooperation and confidence of others is his passion.

In 2018, Dougal was named the president and CEO of Junior Achievement, serving over 50,000 students across 24 counties in Illinois and Iowa. Prior to joining JA of the Heartland, he held senior leadership roles at Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and Isabel Bloom, LLC.

Dougal embraces the need for volunteerism in the Quad Cities. He can be found volunteering for multiple organizations throughout the region. He serves on the board of directors for William Butterworth Foundation and is past board president and current member of the Moline Rotary Club. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University. Dougal and his wife Pam, are life-long Quad City residents.



Dougal Nelson



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CALENDAR

Friday, March 8: Board of directors meeting, 10:30 a.m. at the Steeplegate Inn. All members welcome.

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

Friday, March 15: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, "Fire and Ice," the evolution of the Midwest prairie, **Tony Knobbe**.

Saturday, March 16-Sunday, March 24: District 6000 Project Team to Xicotepec, Mexico. North Scott grad and former RYLA student and RYLA head counselor **Allie Stutting Boge** is on the leadership team for the district.

Wednesday, March 20: Rotarians read at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 21: Members invited to participate at "Pay it Forward" at John Glenn Elementary School, Donahue, at 1:00 p.m., to benefit First Responders.

Friday, March 22: Friendly Friday at North Scott Junior High, welcome students at 7:20 a.m.

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

Saturday, March 23: North Scott Rotary hosts Four-Way Test Speech Contest, NSHS Library 9:00 a.m. Contact Jan Touney to volunteer (time keeper, greeters needed). 563-508-2313, or email: jtouney@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 27: Rotarians read at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 28: Rotarians serve lunch to Davenport Police, 11:30 a.m. at Davenport Police Station, 415 N. Harrison St., Davenport, sponsored by Jimmy Holt and the Barrel House. Contact Pat Olsen to sign up: 563-212-2533, or olsenpatrick@gmail.com.

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

Saturday, March 30: District Assembly and Grant Management Seminar, DMACC Newton Campus training for District Community Grants only.

Saturday, March 30: Rotarians invited to help with East Area Special Olympics swimming at the North Scott YMCA. Contact **Tracy Lindman** at 563-340-0215, email: lindamanmt@hotmail.com; or **Chance Berger** at 217-871-3881, email: cberger@ymcaimv.org.

Wednesday, April 3: "Pay It Forward" day at Virgil Grisom Elementary, Princeton. Members invited to help students with letters and packets for families adopting pets from the Quad City Animal Welfare Center.

Wednesday, April 3: Rotarians read at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue, 11:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, April 6: Rotarians volunteer the softball throw at East Area **Special Olympics** track & field at Central DeWitt School District, 331 E 8th St, DeWitt, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Watch for signup sheet.

Wednesday, April 10: Rotarians read at John Glenn El-



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ementary in Donahue, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 12: Meeting relocated to **Iowa Army National Guard** Aviation Support Facility at Davenport Airport.

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

Wednesday, April 17: Rotarians read at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue, 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Friday, April 26: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option: **Mauricio Diaz**, Executive Director of Dress for Success, arranged by **Rita Rawson**.

Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27: District Conference for Rotary District 6420 (northern Illinois) at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Moline, begins 4:30 p.m. Friday and ends 9:00 p.m. Saturday.

Friday, May 3: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, Scott Case. Interact students in attendance.

Friday, May 10: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option, program TBA, Bill Tubbs.

BUFFET MENU, MARCH 8

Taco bar.

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CLOTHING

To order North Scott Rotary clothing:
<https://empoweringabilities.org/north-scott-rotary/>

MARCH 1: REV. PETER PETTIT

Guardian of Integrity, and a retirement

Notes from Bill Tubbs/Volunteer Editor

March 1, 2024: Attendance bounced back to 59 Friday at the Steeplegate Inn for a meeting which included announcement of our 2024 Guardian of Integrity honoree, **Jan Touney**, and a program by **Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit** on understanding the Israeli-Hamas war. President **Tracy Lindaman** presided, **Terri Wittkowski** played piano, and **Jeff Ashcraft** led singing of "America the Beautiful," "Welcome Song," "R-O-T-A-R-Y," and "Happy Birthday" for March birthdays. **Drew Wilson** shared inspiration about Kate Shelley's bravery in saving passengers from a train derailment in Boone. **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests: **Linda Tubbs** (honorary member), **Pastor Heather Geest** (guest of **Dick Cole**), **Tom Lahl** (guest of **Rich Golvinghorst**), **Pete Hadjis** (guest of **Jimmy Holt**), and **Bryan Bolin** (guest of **Matt Maiers**). Joining by Zoom was **Dr. Don Sierk**.

Announcements

Police Lunch: **Pat Olsen** said 35 were served at yesterday's luncheon for Davenport police; our 14th. He said **Hank Runge** will sponsor the April luncheon, and he's looking for a sponsor for March. **Jimmy Holt** said he will. *Thank you, Hank and Jimmy!* The date will be announced later.

Four-Way Test Speech Contest: **Jan Touney** asked members to encourage students to sign up for the Four-Way Test Speech Contest. The local contest will be Saturday, March 23, at the North Scott High School library at 9:00 a.m. A flyer with details is on page 8. Contact Jan at 563-508-2313, or email: jtouney@gmail.com.

Rotary Reads: **John Maxwell** asked for volunteers to read to students at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue on Wednesdays, March 20 through April 17, at 11:00 a.m. Those dates are now filled (p. 6), but watch for dates in April for reading at Ed White Elementary in Eldridge and Alan Shepard Elementary in Long Grove.

Community Grants: **Jeff Ashcraft** said 10-12 applications for grants have been received for grants up to \$5,000. We don't fund fundraisers or capital projects. The application form is on our club website and can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/4vwhebtz>. The deadline is March 15.

Pay It Forward: **President Tracy** invited members to participate in "Pay It Forward" days March 21 at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue at 1:00 p.m. to support First Responders, and April 3 at Virgil Grissom Elementary in Princeton to support the Quad City Animal Welfare Shelter. Jan Touney will have Interact students present to help at Grissom.



In recognition of her good character and service in many areas, including Interact and youth, **Jan Touney (I)**, pictured with president **Tracy Lindaman**, will receive the **Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award** at District Conference, **April 20** at Pella.
Photo by Editor

Special Olympics: President Tracy said Special Olympics swimming competition will be held at the North Scott YMCA in Eldridge for the first time on Saturday, March 30. A small number of volunteers will be needed. Contact **Tracy** at 563-340-0215, email: lindamanmt@hotmail.com; or **Chance Berger** at 217-871-3881, email: cberger@ymcaimv.org.

Personals

Becky Bray's big news and a check for \$50 is that after 46 years working for ISU Extension, she will retire this year as Scott County Extension Education Director. *Thank you for your service, Becky, and best wishes!*



Becky Bray

Deanna Jensen-Valliere said North Central President-Elect Training last week in Eagan, Minn., was

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Mideast: 'When elephants battle, ants perish'

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"phenomenal" and "inspiring." Deanna was one of only two from District 6000 who attended. She looks forward to supporting **Greg Schaapveld** in his president's year, starting in July. (Deanna will be president in 2025-26.)
Thank you, Deanna!

Bill Tubbs is happy that his granddaughter, Clara Olson, a member of the Waukee Northwest track team, will be in the Parade of Champions tonight at the girls' basketball state tournament, televised by Iowa PBS.

Stephanie Eckhardt is happy that daughter **Addison** is one of 12-16 girls who will compete in the Junior PGA golf tournament in Illinois.

Josie Cochuyt is happy her daughter, Sydnie, 12, has been working on three theater productions and will be performing at Wilson Middle School, Moline, in "Newsies Jr" tonight and at the Center for Living Arts, Rock Island, in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Saturday and Sunday.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sean Eckhardt talked about March 1 being Peanut Butter Day. \$800 million is spent annually on peanut butter and 75 percent of U.S. homes have a peanut butter jar. He raised \$78 with fun fines, including all who are not women, and **Pat Olsen** because the Michigan football team won more games than the basketball team.

Program:

Bill Tubbs introduced **Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit**, who has studied and lived in Israel and Palestine and traveled there many times. Thanks to **Jan Touney** for speaker notes.

By Jan Touney

As news of the Israeli-Hamas war dominates the headlines and the airwaves, North Scott Rotarians had the benefit of a noted scholar, the Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit, giving a perspective on the conflict from several angles.

Rev. Pettit, teaching pastor at Davenport's St. Paul Lutheran Church, has worked in interfaith relations throughout his career. He packed a wealth of information into his 35-minute presentation, gleaned from his studies, real-life experience, and frequent travels to Israel and Palestine (he and his family lived in Jerusalem for a year).

Offering three perspectives of background – historical, geopolitical and religious – he explained why the situation is such a standoff.

HISTORICAL: Rev. Pettit presented a timeline showing



Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit speaking at North Scott Rotary on March 1.

Photo by Editor

that over the past 3,000 years, either Jews or indigenous Palestinians have lived on the land and have ruled the land.

"If you notice, the time when the Jews lived there and ruled, there were no Arabs," he said. "The time when the Arabs lived there, there were essentially no Jews." Until 1897, the local Arab population was ruled from somewhere else in the Ottoman Empire, "perhaps Baghdad, perhaps Constantinople, perhaps Cairo."

With anti-Semitism on the rise, Jews began to move to the Ottoman Empire's region of Palestine. They negotiated international support, including an agreement with Great Britain.

"Now we have both Jewish and Arab populations ruled by the Ottoman Empire living on the land," he said.

"What happens at the end of World War I, the Ottoman Empire falls with the other Axis powers, and both the Jews living on the land, and the Arabs living on the land say, 'This is our time.' ... they both look to the same land with a nationalist aspiration."

"This is the essential conflict we're looking at. The question is, whose land is it, because both of them have per-

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Rotary scholarship opened doors for Rev. Pettit

fectly legitimate historical, moral claim to this being their homeland.”

GEOPOLITICAL: The area has been a crossroads of the world in a number of ways, he said.

After the Israeli war for independence in 1948, there was no peace treaty, only an armistice. “And Israel and its five nearest Arab states remained at war for another 30 years,” he said, characterizing the conflict as “sometimes hot, sometimes simmering, but for another 30 years, that war continued until Egypt made peace with Israel.”

“At the same time, this becomes a focus of the Cold War as the United States and the West, and the Soviet Union and its bloc compete to have this little toehold close to the world’s major oil supplies. So there’s pressure on this area, and both Israel and the Palestinian people become pawns in that geopolitical conflict.”

RELIGIOUS: “This is not a religious war,” he said. “At heart, it’s a battle over whose land is it and who gets to living out their national identity in this land.”

But, he noted, a minority of people in both communities have a religious argument “that they are willing to mobilize in order to manipulate their governments into claiming that they have an exclusive right to this land.” “The strategies are different, very different, but both strategies are aimed at the same thing: We want the whole land.”

“At root, the reason this is a standoff is that everyone is in a fight for survival, whether literally a survival for life or culturally the survival of my people in this homeland or politically the survival of a state that represents us among the nations of the world,” he said.

What “undergirds” the conflict for most people is not the total claim that the radical religious fundamentalists have “but for most people is a profound existential fear that they will lose their identity, their state, their homeland, perhaps their life.”

Both Hamas, and the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have much at stake in the current conflict, precipitated by a surprise attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7.

Rev. Pettit said he honestly couldn’t say how he thinks it is going to end.

“None of us can read this situation sitting here in Scott County,” he said, except to say that “when elephants

battle, ants perish.” His slide depicting that scenario graphically told the story.

He ended his presentation telling us why he is always delighted to present to a Rotary club.

In 1984, when he was in his doctoral program (he received a Ph.D. in Bible and Early Judaism at Claremont Graduate University in California), he searched for how he could afford to take his wife and two little girls to Jerusalem so he could study at the Hebrew University.

“It was a Rotary club that sponsored me for a (Rotary Foundation) ambassadorial scholarship,” he said. “So, I say thank you.”

These notes can only give a cursory overview of the presentation. Rotarians who want more information are encouraged to listen to Rev. Pettit’s podcast. QR codes are below.



YouTube illustrated podcast



Buzzsprout Audio podcast

Rev. Pettit offered these for further reading:

Award, Alex. *Palestinian Memories*. Bethlehem Bible College.

Cunningham, Philip. et. al. *Enabling Dialogue About the Land*. Paulist Press.

Khalidi, Rashid, *The Iron Cage*. Beacon.

Halevi, Yossi Klein. *Like Dreamers*. Harper.

Shindler, Colin. *A History of Modern Israel*. Cambridge



MAKEUPS/ROTARY ENGAGEMENT

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

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Deanna Jensen-Valliere, webinar with Zones 33-34 Public Image Team.

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Mini-meet at Maloney's: Hank Runge, Jason Happel, Marty O'Boyle, Jim Smith, Mitch Amhof, Rev. Rich Pokora, Bill Tubbs.

Thursday, Feb. 29: Davenport Police Luncheon: Patrick Olsen, Jill Grunwald, Dale Grunwald, Dr. Fred Mulsch.

Saturday, March 2: District 6000 Rotary Foundation Grant Management Seminar at West Liberty: Greg Schaapveld, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Bill Tubbs.

Saturday, March 2: Apple pie baking class purchased at auction: Mindy Leahy, Katie White, Stephanie Eckhart, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Deb Peterson and Linda Paustian (the greatest teacher and pie baker in Scott County!).

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, 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

ROTARY READERS

The schedule is filled for Rotarians reading to students at John Glenn Elementary in Donahue at 11:00 a.m. for no more than a half hour on Wednesdays from March 20 to April 17, but watch for an invitation to read to students at Alan Shepard Elementary in Long Grove and Ed White Elementary in Eldridge during April.

March 20: Jill Grunwald, Ardita Grunwald, Diane Cole

March 27: Tracy Lindaman, Theresa White, Tricia Kane

April 3: Eric Langan, Chris Connolly, Joe Stutting

April 10: Jan Touney, Katie White

April 17: Carrie Keppy, Bill Tubbs, Merle Anderson

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



NCPETS in Minnesota

North Scott Rotarian and president-nominee for 2025-26, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, was one of only two representing District 6000 who participated in North Central President-Elect Training Seminar (NCPETS) Feb. 23-24 in Eagan, Minn. At left is Kenn Yu, president-elect of the Rotary Club of West Des Moines, and District 6000 District Governor 2024-25, David Cook of the Rotary Club of Boone is at right. Provided by Deanna

GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR



Grant Management Seminar

Representing North Scott Rotary at the District 6000 Grant Management Seminar March 2 at West Liberty were PDG Bill Tubbs (l), president-nominee Deanna Jensen-Valliere (second from right), and president-elect Greg Schaapveld (r). They are pictured with trainers Todd Wheeler (Des Moines), Gretchen Nollman (West Liberty) and Doug Flournoy (Fairfield). Purpose of the Grant Management Seminar, at which attendance is required, is to inform club leaders of the requirements of participating in Rotary Foundation grants, including grants for projects in the local community. Photo for the Editor

CLUB SERVICE**REFLECTION**

March 8: Marcie Ordaz
March 15: Dick Cole
March 22: Scott Case
March 29: Tony Knobbe

Jan Touney
March 22: Ardita
 Grunwald, Deanna
 Jensen-Valliere
March 29: Richard Horst,
 Patrick Olsen

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

March 8: Kelly Meyer
March 15: Patrick Olsen
March 22: (need a volunteer)
March 29: Ross Paustian

PIANO

March 8: Tewanta Lopez
March 15: Marguerite
 Holzworth

GREETERS

March 8: Marcie Ordaz, Rily
 Grunwald
March 15: Marty O'Boyle,

SONG LEADER

March 8: Paul Holzworth
March 15: Kelly Meyer
March 22: Drew Wilson
March 29: John Maxwell

**MARCH NORTH SCOTT ROTARY
INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES**

Our apologies for omitting Rily and Ardita Grunwald in the list of induction anniversaries last week.

March 1, 2019: Dr. Diane Papke-Cole (5 years)
 March 1, 1990: Jim Smith (34 years)
 March 1, 1994: Dick Cole (30 years)
 March 1, 2019: Jason Happel (5 years)
 March 2, 2006: Rich Horst (18 years)
 March 8, 2013: Josh Cobie (11 years)
 March 17, 2023: Rily Grunwald (1 year)
 March 17, 2023: Ardita Grunwald (1 year)
 March 21, 2008: Tom Messer (16 years)
 March 26, 2023: Mark Harvey (1 year)
 March 26, 2023: Paul Thronson (1 year)
 March 26, 2023: Jordan Williams (1 year)

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.

FELLOWSHIP - PIE BAKING**Pie bakers**

Saturday, March 2, Rotarians who bought Linda Paustian's pie baking class at the Auction had the class. From Facebook: "These ladies had a blast learning from the best! They cashed in on an item from last years auction — pie baking with Linda Paustian! Yum!"



From left: Mindy Leahy, Linda Paustian, Stephanie Eckhardt, Katie White, Deb Peterson, Deanna Jensen-Valliere.

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



TOM NARAK MEMORIAL FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Rotary 
District 6000
Rotary Club of North Scott

All high school students are eligible to compete.

Create a 5 to 8 minute speech centered on applying the Four Way Test to the current Rotary International theme of Create Hope in the World.



North Scott High
School Library



9:00 AM



Saturday,
March 23, 2024

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MARCH 18.



<https://forms.gle/5fZ25ecgoozYbG5D6>

REGISTRATION



\$150



\$100



\$50

The winner advances to a regional competition to be held in early April. The winner of the regional competition will win a cash prize and have the opportunity to present their speech at the Rotary District 6000 Celebration at the Pella Opera house on April 20.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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