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THURSDAY: At Rolling Hills Events Center, Eldridge

Installation Party Thursday evening

Thursday night we'll say Thank You to Tracy Lindaman for her year of service, and install Greg Schaapveld as president for 2024-25. The venue is the new Rolling Meadows Event Center located at 657 S. 16th Ave., Eldridge, across the street from the PlayStation and Eldridge Community Center. Starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner by Smokin' Butts BBQ, awards, music, and games for kids. Rotary will not meet this Friday or next. Happy July Fourth and see you at the Steeplegate on July 12!



Tracy Lindaman



Greg Schaapveld

Signups ...

Anderson, Merle & Mary Lou

Ashcraft, Jeff & Crista
Bindrum, Tyler & Sammy
Bolin, Bryan & Ali, 3 kids
Brandt, Marcia & Bill
Bray, Beclly
Burt, Dr. Brad, Katie & Eden
Case, Scott & Nancy
Cochuyt, Josie, Jason & Sydnie

Cole, Dick & Shirley
Culver, Samantha
Eakes, Glenn
Fahrenkrog, Steve & Tammy
Golinghorst, Rich & Mary
Grunwald, Dale
Grunwald, Jill
Grunwald, Ardita
Grunwald, Rily
Helms, Jeff & Mindy

Holzworth, Paul & Marguerite
Hoover, Dr. Bill
Jensen-Valliere, Deanna
Kalainoff, Paul & Susan
Kane, Tricia
Keppy, Carrie & Chad
Kessler, Nathan & Adrien
Kishiue, Terrye
Knobbe, Tony & Lorene
Kress, Jen & Jeff
Lindaman, Tracy, Matt & Will
Maiers, Matt & Emily
Maxwell, John & Joan
Messer, Tom & Dianna
Mulch, Dr. Fred
O'Boyle, Marty & Trish
Olsen, Pat & Megan, 2 kids
Paustian, Leroy & Linda

Paustian, Ross & Carol
Peterson, Deb
Pokora, Rev. Richard & Gwen
Powell, Steve & Bonnie
Schaapveld, Greg, Kendra & Mason
Schinckel, Jack & Georgine
Smith, Jim & Jean M.
Somsky, Sara
Tomasson, Sara
Touney, Jan & Tom
Tubbs, Bill & Linda
White, Katie, Randy & Owen
White, Theresa & Bob
Wilkins, Kim
Williams, Jordon & Abbie
Wilmott, Donn

Foundation/2; Mohr/3-5; RI President/6; Presidents/7; Dog/7

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 27: Installation Party, evening, for 2024-25 president **Greg Schaapveld** and thank you to 2023-24 president **Tracy Lindaman**, at NEW LOCATION, **Rolling Meadows Event Center** in Eldridge, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 28: No meeting at the Steeplegate.

Sunday, June 30: District 6000 annual gavel passing will take place in Boone on Sunday, June 30th from 2 to 4 pm. The event will be held at Cedar Pointe Golf Course located at 601 S. Cedar Street in Boone.

July 4-7, 2024: Rotarians volunteer as "gallery management" at the signature Par 3 Hole No. 16 at the John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.

Friday, July 5: No weekly meeting at the Steeplegate. Happy July Fourth weekend!

Thursday, July 11: 9:45 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge, "Feed our Children" – assemble and deliver approximately 300 sack lunches for underserved children in the North Scott community. Contact Carrie Kepky with questions or to volunteer: ctkeppy@netins.net or 285-4484. More information can be found on their Facebook page: North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry.

Friday, July 12: Board of directors, 10:30 a.m. at the Steeplegate, all members welcomed.

Friday, July 12: Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn. **Angela Boelens** will present an update on activities of IA Nice, the 501.c.3 organization she created in 2022 to assist and resettle Ukrainian refugees in Iowa. Arranged by Bill Tubbs.

Friday, July 12: Rotary Night at the Ballpark, see p. 6.

Saturday, July 13: Join North Scott Rotarians in the Eldridge Summer Festival Parade, lineup on East Franklin, 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 13: Rotarians volunteer at first water station for the Moonlight Chase road race, at Bill and Linda home at 302 S. 8th St., Eldridge. Begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 14-Friday, July 19: Iowa RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) conference at Grinnell College. Adult Rotarian counselors needed. Contact Paul Kalainoff, 563-570-7907, or kalainoff@gmail.com.

Friday, July 19: Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn, **Ervin King** with Soles for Children will be our speaker, arranged by **Richard Horst**.

Thursday, July 25: Annual North Scott Rotary Corn Boil at Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26: No meeting at Steeplegate, canceled due to Corn Boil.

Friday, Aug. 23: Official Visit of District Governor 2024-25 Dave Cook of Boone and Lisa.

Friday, Aug. 30: No meeting, Labor Day weekend.

Friday, Sept. 13: Walt Fahrenkrog Memorial Golf Outing at Glynn's Creek Golf Course.

Friday, Nov. 15: District 6000 "Magic of Giving Gala" at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates, 100 Locust Street, Des Moines. An evening celebration of The Rotary Foundation with special speakers and awards.

Friday, Nov. 22: North Scott Rotary Auction, at Rhythm City Casino. Davenport.

50 YEARS

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2023

PERSONAL



Rotary Foundation

District Governor Dennis Drager presented three banners to North Scott Rotary president Tracy Lindaman for the club's giving to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus in Rotary year 2022-23. A description of the awards is on page 3 Photo by Editor



✓ Join Leaders ✓ Exchange Ideas ✓ Take Action

JUNE 21: IOWA BUDGET WITH STATE REP. GARY MOHR

DG recognized Rotary Foundation giving

By Bill Tubbs/Volunteer Editor

Thanks, Deb Peterson, for meeting stats

June 21, 2024: District Governor **Dennis Drager** and **Heidi** paid a repeat visit to North Scott Rotary on Friday to recognize the club's achievements in giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, including PolioPlus (see photo, p. 2). Sixty-three Rotarians and guests were present for presiden **Tracy Lindaman's** last meeting as president at the Steeplegate Inn. **Marguerite Holzworth** was at the piano and **Paul Holzworth** led singing of "America the Beautiful," "Welcome Song" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y." In his reflection, **Scott Case** asked us to think of the opportunity we have to live in the USA and to say a prayer for America. Secretary **Tony Knobbe** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests: **DG Dennis** and **Heidi Drager** (Rotary Club of Marshalltown), **Gary Mohr** (Rotary Club of Bettendorf), **Denise Vastine** (daughter of **Jack Schinckel**). Joining by Zoom was **Charlie Jones**.

Announcements

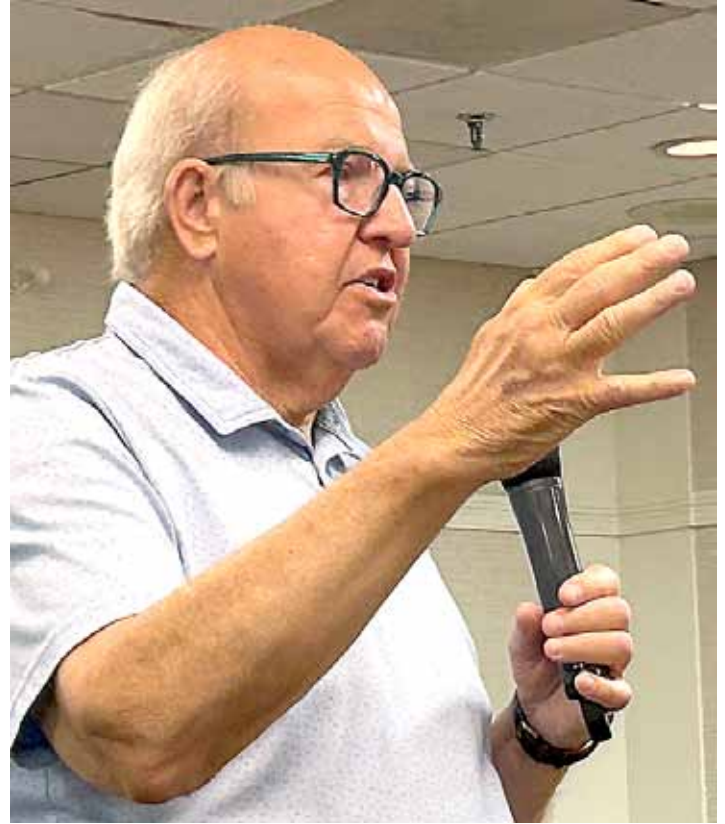
District Governor Dennis Drager presented banners to North Scott Rotary for Rotary Foundation giving in Rotary year 2022-23: More than \$1,500 to **PolioPlus; Every Rotarian, Every Year** for 100 percent of member participation and an average of more than \$100 per capita; and 100 percent of members giving to The Rotary Foundation and everyone giving \$25 or more. (Actual giving was \$21,000 to the Annual Programs Fund, \$2,781 for PolioPlus, and \$3,516 to the Endowment Fund. A total of \$27,297.) "A small percent of club's worldwide achieve these levels," the DG said. "Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation."

Pay It Forward: President Tracy thanked Rotarians for supporting her "Pay It Forward" project. Thirty Rotarians and 20 service club member were at one or more of the six schools. 310 elementary students were involved and six different charities benefitted: **Veterans Outreach Center, Empowering Abilities, Ronald McDonald House, First Responders, Quad-City Animal Welfare Center** and senior citizens at **Ridgecrest Retirement Center**. "Thank you for allowing me to do that; to make it happen!"

Installation Party: Deanna Jensen-Valliere asked members and guests to sign up for the June 27 Installation Party at Rolling Meadows Event Center in Eldridge.

John Deere Classic: Merle Anderson said "everybody got their shirts" and are ready for gallery management, July 3-7, at TPC at Deere Run (see p. 6).

Carrie Keppy asked members to email her at ctkeppy@netins.net if they wish to join the "Feed our Children" project



State Rep. Gary Mohr speaking at North Scott Rotary. – Editor

at Faith Lutheran Church on July 11 to assemble and deliver approximately 300 sack lunches for underserved children in the North Scott community. We need 12-15 people total. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we will be making sandwiches and counting out other lunch items. "We will also be assembling the lunch items into paper sacks. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. they will be delivered to various locations in the North Scott area."

Moonlight Chase: Deb Peterson said Rotary will volunteer at the first water stop, Saturday evening, July 13, at the residence of Bill and Linda Tubbs, 302 S. 8th St., Eldridge. Arrive by 8 p.m. and wear Rotary shirts!

President-Elect Greg Schaapveld said he would be working on committees the next days, so sign your committee sheet and turn it in!

Rotary Night at Ballpark: Tracy said the Quad City River Bandits are holding 100 tickets @ \$13 for Rotarians of the Quad Cities for the Friday evening, July 12, game. To order, email Julia McNeill at julia@riverbandits.com by July 8.

JUNE 21: IOWA BUDGET WITH STATE REP. GARY MOHR

Lawmaker proud of tax cuts for Iowans

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Personals

Paul Holzworth had a check for \$62 for The Rotary Foundation, \$1 for each year of marriage to Marguerite. *Thank you, and congratulations!*

Kerri Hurning said veterans will be honored on the field at the Monday, July 1, North Scott home baseball double-header with Davenport Central at 4:30 p.m. They will be admitted free and receive a special shirt made by GT Sports, but she must know in advance: email kerri.hurning@rockvalleypt.com or call 563-362-0036.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere said June is Internet Safety Month and the number of persons enslaved in trafficking has risen from 40 million to 50 million.

Sergeant-at-Arms Pat Olsen said daughter **Addie** is recovering from surgery, and proceeded to raise \$65 in fun fines including **Dale Grunwald** for his Lincoln, **Tony Knobbe** for his generator, **Tom Messer** for his trip, and \$1 for those who didn't participate in Tracy's "Pay It Forward" project. He said his biggest disappointment during Tracy's year was no birthday table when Addie wanted one.

Program

Tony Knobbe introduced state Rep. **Gary Mohr**. Thanks to **Jan Touney** for program notes:

By Jan Touney

As Iowa taxpayers, North Scott Rotarians have a personal stake in knowing where their money goes.

And who better to explain the State of Iowa's budget than State Rep. Gary Mohr, R-93, chair of the Appropriations Committee? Mohr gave a presentation on Friday, June 21 to the North Scott Rotary, filled with facts and information about revenue, expenditures, tax relief, and even speed cameras.

Mohr said as a legislator, he is often asked: "What do you do there?"

Plenty, he explained.

During the recently completed session, the House passed 240 bills; 188 bills passed both the House and Senate and were sent to the governor.

Since the 2018 legislative session, Mohr said, the General Assembly has worked on ways to reduce the income tax burden on all Iowans. At that time, the state's income tax system had eight different tax brackets, with the highest tax rate at 8.98 percent.

Since that time, as state revenues have continued to grow, excess revenue had built up a \$3.5 billion surplus in the Taxpayer Relief Fund.



Speaker Chris Bertelson (l) with club Rotary Foundation chair Chris Connolly (r) and Tony Knobbe. Photo by Editor

"To get these funds back into the pockets of Iowans, we lowered all income tax rates to 3.8 percent starting Jan. 1, 2025," he said.

And eliminating the state tax on pension income has helped retired Iowans, and even kept some in the state as opposed to moving to a location like Florida or Texas, which have no income taxes.

"We have even seen some (retirees) moving back to Iowa," he said.

Several times, Mohr referred to the state's healthy revenue and surplus picture and noted, "We have no right to keep that much of your money in the bank account. It needs to come back to you."

Regarding state spending, Mohr noted that 55 percent of the \$8.91 billion state budget goes toward education. That includes 43.6 percent to state aid to schools, 2 percent in education savings accounts, 6.5 percent to state universities and 2.6 percent to community colleges.

"Education is the No. 1 priority for Iowa," he said.

The money for schools include a 2.5 percent increase in state school aid (to \$7,826 per pupil), and funding to raise starting teacher salaries to \$47,000 next school year. The budget also guarantees that all teachers with 12 years' experience get a salary of at least \$60,000 in the 2024-25 school year.

Increases in higher education funding include \$12.3 million in new funding for Iowa's three state universities; \$7 million for community colleges; and \$1.3 million for the Iowa Tuition Grant program for Iowa students attending private colleges.

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PROGRAM

State Rep. Gary Mohr

NOTES, continued

Other issues addressed by Mohr included:

An increase in Medicaid rates for mental health providers;

Passage of a House file that provides for an enhanced rate to Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children;

Passage of a House file that transitions the current county-run mental health and disability services system to a state behavioral health system. Seven multi-county districts will provide and administer both mental health and substance abuse services for Iowans. Mohr said the state-level approach will ensure that any Iowan will have access to the same needed services no matter where they live.

Passage of a House file that raises rates for the state's Child Care Assistance Program. Mohr said many in the Quad Cities, led by YMCA Executive Director **Brad Martell**, approached him about finding ways to improve child care services by increasing the rates.

Passage of a bill which requires communities to apply to the Department of Transportation for approval of speed cameras. "You have to submit an application to DOT that shows that what you're doing improves safety." That bill would affect Davenport and LeClaire, which both have speed cameras.

A bill Mohr introduced in the House to require public officials to share documents with the public and increase the fines for noncompliance was vetoed by the governor after changes were made in it by the Senate.

"We can go back at that again next year," he said.

The bill was prompted by the City of Davenport's lack of transparency in approving settlements with several city employees as well as the reluctance to release public records in the wake of the May 2023 partial building collapse in downtown Davenport that killed three people.

Bill Tubbs asked whether the Legislature would revisit private school law to require private schools to have audits and to comply with Iowa's Open Meetings, Public Records law. The representative said that is a possibility.

MEMBER PROPOSAL

Samantha Culver has been approved by the Board of Directors and the Classification Committee for membership. She will be sponsored by **Becky Bray** and is the new Scott County Director at ISU Extension and Research. Samantha has attended at least four meetings and looks forward to making connections and creating positive change in the community. **Samantha** is a native Kewanee, Ill., and a graduate of St. Ambrose University with with BA degrees in psychology and theology, and an MA in organizational leadership. She has worked in the Scott County Extension office since 2021. Seven days for written objections.

MAKEUPS/ROTARY ENGAGEMENT

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

Tuesday, June 18: Event at Iowa National Guard, Rob White, Merle Anderson, Jerry Coussens, Tony Knobbe, Dick Cole.

Wednesday, June 19: Quad-City Presidents meeting, Assistant Governor Jeff Ashcraft, Greg Schaapveld.

Wednesday, June 19: Mini-meet at Maloney's: Dick Cole, Jim Smith, Jeff Helms, Rob White, Jerry Coussens, Merle Anderson, Tom Messer, Diane Papke-Cole, Rev. Rich Pokora, Marty O'Boyle, Steve Fahrenkrog, Hank Runge, Donn Wilmott, Jason Happel.

WHERE OTHER CLUBS MEET

- Monday, Noon..... Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons
- Monday, Noon..... Davenport, Outing Club, Brady Street
- 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

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CLOTHING



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<https://empoweringabilities.org/north-scott-rotary/>

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS

July 12: Sean Stephanie Eckhardt

July 19: Roger Amhof, Rich Horst

PIANO

July 12: Teri Wittkowski
July 19: Tewanta Lopez

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

July 12: Sean Eckhardt

REFLECTION

July 12: Becky Bray

July 19: Tony Knobbe

SONG LEADER

July 12: volunteer needed

July 19: volunteer needed

OPTIONS FOR PAYING DUES

Rotary dues are billed and emailed to each member on a quarterly basis. Our club pays Rotary International on July 1 and January 1, in advance for all members. We also pay District 6000 dues on July 1, in advance for the entire year. North Scott Rotary offers two methods of payment if writing a check is NOT your thing. You can sign up for an ACH withdrawal from your checking account, or a credit card can be charged quarterly. These options are available to help keep dues collected in a timely manner. If anyone is interested in either of these options, please contact me.

Thank you, Deb Peterson

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Rotary Night at the Ballpark will be Friday, July 12. Julia McNeil from the River Bandits is holding 100 tickets for QC Rotarians in section 4 at the first baseline. Tickets are \$13 each. Each Rotarian must order their own tickets and pay for them by July 8. You can do this directly with Julia. Email her to order or with any questions. julia@riverbandits.com. - Deb Peterson



JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

Volunteer "Gallery Managers" for the July 3-7 John Deere Classic at Hole No. 16 at TPC at Deere Run: Merle Anderson, Tom Messer, Fred Mulch, Drew Wilson, Steve Powell, Jeff Helms, Mindy Helms, Pat DeLuca, Marty O'Boyle, Arvita Grunwald, Rily Grunwald, Matt Lindaman, Dwayne Anderson, Austin Anderson (son), Marcia Brandt, Jennie Woods (Marcia's sister).



STEPHANIE URCHICK



'An amazing woman'

The cover story in the July issue of Rotary magazine which arrived in the mail this week is about our Rotary International president for 2024-25, Stephanie Urchick, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Pardon me if I use my prerogative as editor to share with my club members that I traveled to Nigeria in 2007 with a team of 18 Rotarians from the upper Midwest USA. That's our team (below) at the Minneapolis airport waiting for our flights to Amsterdam and Abuja and on to Kano, Kaduna and Lagos. It was the first large delegation of North American Rotarians to Nigeria, arranged by RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson, of Eden Prairie, MN. Included were Polio National Immunization Days and the West Africa Project Fair, where Rotary clubs and districts pitched their projects for Rotary Foundation grants. Stephanie has spoken to audiences in District 6000 since and we truly say she is a "friend of District 6000." I had the opportunity to congratulate Stephanie in person (above) in October 2023 at the Interntaional Café at Rotary World Headquarters in Evanston, Ill. She is a remarkable woman who will be a great leader. I encourage you to read about her in Rotary magazine.



OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Daniel A. Whalen (*)	1973-74
C. John Pfeiffer (*)	1974-75
Kenneth J. Mundt (*)	1975-76
Roger D. Burt	1976-77
G. Eugene Kimble (*)	1977-78
David A. Stephens (*)	1978-79
Richard A. Froeschle (*)	1979-80
James E. Campbell	1980-81
Rev. Ronald Jespersen (*)	1981-82
Walter W. Fahrenkrog (*)	1982-83
Roy B. Keppy (*)	1983-84
Thomas A. Robinson	1984-85
H. Ronald Frogley, D.C. (*)	1985-86
Thomas J. Otting	1986-87
Gene Schneckloth (*)	1987-88
J.B. Straley (*)	1988-89
Robert H. Lage (*)	1989-90
Richard J. Blanche	1990-91
Jack D. Darland	1991-92
Jerry L. Vollbeer (*)	1992-93
Robert B. White	1993-94
Wayne W. Jugenheimer	1994-95
William F. Tubbs	1995-96
Pascal V. DeLuca	1996-97
Robert K. Bainter	1997-98
John C. Barker, M.D. (*)	1998-99
Merle L. Anderson	1999-00
Carl G. Stigdon	2000-01
James L. Smith	2001-02
R. Scott Case	2002-03
Robert A. Fox	2003-04
James J. Rastrelli	2004-05
Thomas A. Yates	2005-06
Anita L. Wubbena, D.C	2006-07
Scott C. Kurtz	2007-08
Gary Lynch (*)	2008-09
Charles I. Briegel (*)	2009-10
Charlie Jones	2010-11
Becky Bray	2011-12
John D. Maxwell	2012-13
Steven G. Suiter	2013-14
Steven Fahrenkrog	2014-15
Glen L. Keppy	2015-16
Jeffrey Helms	2016-17
Dennis W. Peterson (*)	2017-18
Jeffrey Ashcraft	2018-19
Jeremy J. Kaiser	2019-20
Bradley Burt, D.C.	2020-21
Patrick Olsen	2021-22
Josie Cochuyt	2022-23
Tracy Lindaman	2023-24

(*) deceased



ED WHITE THERAPY DOG, "MILAN"



'Milan' is perfect

Shamus Budde, teacher at Ed White Elementary, sent a note to Jeff Ashcraft about the therapy dog sponsored by North Scott Rotary. "Here are some pictures of Milan. She has a lot of energy and will be perfect for Ed White. Please feel free to share with the Rotary club and let me know if you ever need."

PERSONAL

Diane Crawford, a mentor and former boss to **Donn Wilmoth**, will be the 2024-25 District Governor for Rotary District 5340 in San Diego. She wrote to Donn: "I'm excited about this incredible opportunity. I'm the first African-American to lead this very prestigious district of 70 clubs and thousands of members. I'm not one to brag, but this is a pretty big deal." Congrats to Diane. Donn said he would share.

Rotary

Club of North Scott



Rotary is an international organization of people of goodwill from 200 countries and geographic regions. As Rotarians, we proudly raise our own flag as we work together to Build Communities and Bridge Continents to Create Hope in the World. Happy July Fourth!

