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**FRIDAY: At the Steeplegate, with Zoom option**

## Economic development and its impact on the Quad Cities

Thanks to **Tony Knobbe** for arranging Friday's program.

**Presentation: Title:** Understanding Economic Development and its impact on the Quad Cities. **Subtitle:** The Quad Cities Chamber is changing the way it supports Economic Development for the region; come learn about this new expanded focus and investment.

**Brian Irby** is the Chief Operations Officer at the Quad Cities Chamber, bringing over 20 years of experience in business development, marketing, and communications to the role. Throughout his career, Irby has led diverse teams and collaborated with a wide range of clients, from small family-owned businesses to Fortune 500 companies. His expertise in problem-solving, creative strategy, and impactful communications, combined with his vision for the Quad Cities Chamber, positions him as a key driver of the Chamber's success. Irby's primary focus is executing the Chamber's long-term strategy and annual work plan. He is responsible for leading major initiatives and steering the internal direction of the organization.

**Outside of work,** Irby enjoys cooking, trying new foods, playing and watching sports, and actively volunteering in the local community.



**Brian Irby**

Chief Operations Officer,  
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

**Calendar/2;    RYLA/3-4;    2024-25 Committees/5-8**

## CALENDAR

- Friday, Aug. 9:** Golf Outing Committee will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Steeplegate Inn.
- Friday, Aug. 9:** Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn, **Brian Irby**, Quad Cities Chamber, "Site Selection and Industrial Business Attraction.," arranged by **Tony Knobbe**.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14:** Arrival of inbound Youth Exchange student, **Jorquera Sofia Antonia Muñoz**, from Chile.
- Friday, Aug. 16: Program Committee** meeting at the Steeplegate Inn, 11:15 a.m.
- Friday, Aug. 16:** Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn, **Impact Life** blood center, with former North Scott Rotary member, **Angela Reese**, arranged by **Scott Case**.
- Friday, Aug. 23:** Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. Official Visit of **District Governor Dave Cook** of Boone, and Lisa.
- Friday, Aug. 30:** No meeting, Labor Day weekend.
- Friday, Sept. 6:** Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn, program TBA, Chris Cournoyer.
- Friday, Sept. 13:** Walt Fahrenkrog Memorial Golf Outing at Glynns' Creek Golf Course.
- Friday, Sept. 20:** Board of Directors, 10:45, Steeplegate.
- Friday, Sept. 20:** North Scott Rotarian **Merle Anderson** will present an update of our support for the Imbabaze Centre for Women & Children in Kisoro, Uganda.
- Sunday, Sept. 22:** Rotarians volunteer at 9th annual Soles for Children, 2-5 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 630 9th St., Rock Island.
- Friday, Sept. 27:** Noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn, program TBA, Marcia Brandt.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22:** Rotary clubs of the Quad Cities observe **World Polio Day** at an evening dinner and program at the Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island.
- 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.

### CLUB SERVICE - AUG. 2

- Greeters:** Marcia Brandt, Dick Cole
- Reflection:** Becky Bray
- Piano:** Tewanta Lopez
- Song Leader:** Jeff Ashcraft
- Sergeant:** Nathan Kessler

### NORTH SCOTT ROTARY CLOTHING

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

### BUFFET MENU, AUGUST 9

Taco bar.



## NORTH SCOTT ROTARY

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### 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

### MAKEUPS/ROTARY ENGAGEMENT

Please turn in makeups to Deb Peterson at: [dennis.peterson1@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.peterson1@gmail.com), or [nsrotary@aol.com](mailto:nsrotary@aol.com).

**Wednesday, July 31:** Mini-meet at Maloney's: Steve Fahrenkrog, Marty O'Boyle, Rich Pokora, Rob White, Merle Anderson, Jim Smith, Hank Runge, Dick Cole, Jason Hap-pel, Tom Messer, Sean Eckhardt (11)

*Wear your Rotary pin with pride!*

**AUGUST 02: ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

# Sixty-four enjoy fellowship, RYLA

**August 02, 2024:** Sixty-four Rotarians and guests attended, back at the Steeplegate Inn, with **President Greg Schaapveld** in charge and RYLA students presenting the program. **Terri Wittkowski** played piano and **Drew Wilson** led singing of "America the Beautiful," "Welcome Song" and "R-O-T-A-R-Y." For her reflection, **Deanna Jensen-Valliere's** quoted new RI President **Stephanie Urchick** from the July Rotary magazine: "Embrace Rotary Magic." **Sarah Somsy** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests: **Mark Carlson** (Rotary Club of Moline), **Amy Thompson** (guest of **Katie White**), **Amanda Rogers** (guest of **Ardita Grunwald**), **Madison Andrews** (RYLA student), and **Mason, Jeremy and Stephanie Schaack** (RYLA student and parent). There were no attendees by Zoom. **President Greg Schaapveld** invited us to sing "Happy Birthday" to members with August birthdays.

## Announcements

**Corn Boil:** **John Maxwell** thanked volunteers and donors and asked them to stand. Special thanks to **Katie White** who donated the corn.

**Youth Exchange:** **Stephanie Eckhardt** said our exchange student, Sofi, from Chile, is anxious to arrive next Wednesday, Aug. 14. "She is ready."

**Impact Grant: Empowering Abilities CEO Jeff Ashcraft** asked everyone to see the pictures in the newsletter of our 2022-23 Impact Grant project, cleaning up and beautifying the courtyard to Empowering Abilities' residential facility on North Pine Street. He thanked **Bill** for a good layout. "Residents are happy. You are making a difference! You are truly changing lives. We really appreciate it!"

**Scott Case** announced **Drew Wilson** as the 2021-22 recipient of the **William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award** which is presented to the outstanding new member of the year. The award was created by the Board of Directors in the summer of 2004 and named for Bill, in appreciation of his leadership at the club and district levels, including serving as District Governor in 2004-05, and for members inducted (now 60). *Congratulations, Drew!*



Drew Wilson

## Personals

**Stephanie Eckhardt** gave \$18 to the Ed Foundation in observance of hers and Sean's 18th anniversary. *Congratulations, and thank you, Stephanie and Sean!*



RYLA students **Madison Andrews** and **Mason Schaack** at Rotary with president **Greg Schaapveld**. Photo by Paul Kalainoff

**Joe Stutting** said superintendents of schools in Scott County will be raising funds for Big Brothers/Big Sisters on Aug. 24 with "Over the Edge," scaling 11 floors of the Blackhawk Hotel in downtown Davenport. *Good luck!*

**Drew Wilson**, president of the Quad City Chordbusters, had to come to Rotary to present **Bill Tubbs** his 17-year membership card.

**Becky Bray** asked new member **Samantha Culver**, Scott County Extension Director, to show her big, beautiful diamond ring which is new, from fiancé **Alec Vinavich!** *Congratulations, Samantha!*

**Tony Knobbe** said he and **Lorraine** will be going to Milwaukee for a special show. Their guest will be now-retired Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball coach, **Lisa Bluder!**

**John Maxwell** said **Tony Knobbe** did a fine job fixing his Kitchen Aid mixer.

**Sandy Pistole** said she was in Oklahoma last week to see her granddaughter win the National Championship at a horse show. *Congratulations!*

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## AUG. 2: RYLA MAGIC

# Students talk about 'RYLA Magic'

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**Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Burt** raised \$65 in fun fines, including **John Maxwell**, on TV talking about farmers and layoffs at John Deere. (John said Cinnamon Ridge Farm is providing beef for the Food Bank. *Thank you!*) **Riley** and **Ardita Grunwald** would've been fined for their big announcement on page 1 of *The North Scott Press* of their plans for a tubing hill near Lost Grove Lake, but they are in Spain. **Jim Smith** was recognized for the Outstanding Volunteer award received at the Oshkosh Air Show. *Congratulations!*

### Program

**Paul Kalainoff** and students **Madison Andrews** and **Mason Schaack** presented about Iowa RYLA, which was July 14-19 at Grinnell College. Thanks for **Jan Touney** for program notes.

### By Jan Touney

Imagine having to go through a day without a cellphone or a watch. All clocks and references to time are covered up. You have no idea what the day's agenda is like. And you have to complete activities while blindfolded.

That's what being at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) conference is like. And for North Scott High School seniors **Madison Andrews** and **Mason Schaack**, it was a positive and life-changing experience.

The two teens will be going back to school this month equipped with newfound leadership and team-building skills, thanks to the weeklong RYLA experience in July at Grinnell College.

**Madison** and **Mason** shared their story, and thanked North Scott Rotarians for sponsoring them, during a presentation on Friday, Aug. 2.

Through timed team activities, small group projects, large group activities, individual assessments and making presentations, the 120 students who attended RYLA learned problem solving, communication, team building and self-awareness.

Mason acknowledged that some activities "took me out of my comfort zone a little bit."

"At the beginning of the week, I did not know these people; now, they are some of my best friends, and I talk to them every day," he said.

He said being a leader "doesn't just mean you're the

person in charge." Sometimes being a follower is just as important, he said, noting that everybody has a role to play.

**Madison** said she learned more about her self-value through personality assessments and group activities. In one activity, she said, team members wrote on a white board the positive traits of a team member while that person was not looking. The results were captured in a photograph by the team leader and will be shared with each RYLA participant.

"I met people I can talk to ... forever," she said.

Also speaking on Friday was North Scott Rotarian **Paul Kalainoff**, who was a chaperone for one of the teams during the entire week. His assignment began each day at 7 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m.

"It was my first time being there all week," he said. "They call it RYLA magic, and these two students experienced that."

Paul noted that the students didn't know what they would be doing from one minute to the next. He characterized the RYLA participants as "very bright, intelligent young people, and very enthusiastic."

Both **Madison** and **Mason** said they would absolutely recommend the RYLA experience to other students. The lessons they learned will help them in the future with everything from sports to jobs and on to college, they said.

With time left before adjournment, **President Greg** asked members to "tell me something good." **Deb Peterson** is happy she at last sold all the Peterson apartments in Park View. *Congratulations!*

## MENTOR FOR PEACE



**Angela Boelens** invited and encouraged Rotarians to put their vocational skills to good use and give just a little time to mentor Ukrainian refugees in our area. Specifically, she said salon and cleaning businesses, car detailing, construction/carpentry, accounting/finance and insurance are needed now. Contact Angela at 563-299-7956, or [aboelens@ianice.org](mailto:aboelens@ianice.org).

## 2024-25 COMMITTEES



### 2024-2025 Committee Assignments

#### Classification

Objective: To ensure that prospective members meet the standards of Rotary and are assigned a classification

**Chair: Deb Peterson**

Roger Amhof	Jeff Helms	Rich Horst	Tricia Kane	Nathan Kessler	Fred Mulch	
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#### Club Finance

Objective: To screen, evaluate, and make recommendations for one community impact grant to be gifted annually

**Chair: Steve Fahrenkrog**

Nathan Kessler	Tom Messer	Deb Peterson	Greg Schaapveld			
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#### Community Impact Grant

Objective: To screen, evaluate, and make recommendations for one community impact grant to be gifted annually

**Co-Chairs: Greg Schaapveld (2023-2025) and Deanna Jensen-Valliere (2024-2026)**

Charlie Jones (2024-2026)	Terrye Kishiue (2024-2026)	Katie White (2024-2026)	Sean Eckhardt (2023-2025)	Charlie Jones (2023-2025)	Jan Touney (2023-2025)	
Chris Connolly (2022-2024)	Danielle Hines (2022-2024)					

#### Community Needs

Objective: To evaluate requests and make recommendations regarding charitable donations on the community level

**Chair: Jeff Ashcraft**

Tyler Bindrum	Chris Connolly	Michele Darland	Sean Eckhardt	Deanna Jensen-Valliere	Charlie Jones	Nathan Kessler
Terrye Kishiue	Tracy Lindaman	Matt Maiers	Pat Olsen	Diane Papke-Cole	Rich Pokora	Greg Schaapveld
Sara Somsy	Jan Touney	Bill Tubbs	Katie White	Drew Wilson		

#### Corn Boil

Objective: To take charge of arrangements, locations, food, and entertainment for our annual Corn Boil

**Chair: John Maxwell**

Scott Case	Dick Cole	Samantha Culver	Rich Golvinghorst	Dale Grunwald	Jill Grunwald	William Hoover
Monica Hursey	Carrie Keppy	Glen Keppy	Tony Knobbe	Jennifer Kress	Leroy Paustian	Sandy Pistole
Jack Shinckel	Paul Thorson	Rob White	Laura Williams			

#### Education Foundation

Objective: To review anticipated income and expenses of Educational Foundation funds for maximum safety and return, and to make a recommendation on scholarship amounts according to interest

**Chair: Sheila Volrath**

Steve Fahrenkrog	Mindy Leahy	Matt Maiers	Tom Messer			
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#### Environmental

Objective: To provide leadership in beautification projects

**Co-Chairs: Kim Wilkins and Sara Somsy**

Glenn Eakes	Rily Grunwald	Marty O'Boyle	Greg Schaapveld			
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## 2024-25 COMMITTEES

### Golf Outing

Objective: To plan the annual fall golf outing

**Chair: Tom Messer**

Mitch Amhof	Chance Berger	Tyler Bindrim	Brad Burt	Steve Fahrenkrog	Jeff Helms	Kerri Hurning
Eric Langan	Pat Olsen	Steve Powell	Theresa White			

### International Service

Objective: To show members how to become involved with Rotary beyond the club, including Imbabazi Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda; Global Grants, Rotary Scholars, Rotary Volunteers, RAG4Clubfoot, and District 6000 projects in Xicotepec, Mexico, and Iowa Miles of Smiles Team in Guatemala

**Chair: Merle Anderson**

Jeff Ashcraft	Ardita Grunwald	Rily Grunwald	Bill Tubbs			
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### Literacy

Objective: To work with local schools to arrange Rotarians to read to elementary students, to distribute Student Dictionaries to classrooms, and explore other ways to promote and support literacy

**Co-Chairs: John Maxwell and Theresa White**

Stephanie Eckhardt	Tricia Kane	Tracy Lindaman	Diane Papke-Cole	Deb Peterson	Don Sierk	Sara Tomasson
Jan Touney	Jordon Williams	Theresa White				

### Membership Development

Objective: To develop and execute strategies to involve the membership in actively inviting new members with focus on under-represented groups, and to

**Co-Chairs: Deb Peterson and Deanna Jensen-Valliere**

Becky Bray	Samantha Culver	Danielle Hines	Rich Pokora	Sara Tomasson	Bill Tubbs	
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### Past Presidents

Objective To provide counsel to club leadership, lead orientation for new members, and select the recipient of the "William F. Tubbs Honored Rotarian Award"

**Chair: Tracy Lindamin**

Merle Anderson	Jeff Ashcraft	Bob Bainter	Beck Bray	Brad Burt	Scott Case	Pat DeLuca
Steve Fahrenkrog	Jeff Helms	Charlie Jones	Jeremy Kaiser	Glen Keppy	John Maxwell	Pat Olsen
Jim Smith	Bill Tubbs	Rob White	Anita Wubben			

### Program and Vocation Talks

Objective: To arrange interesting and timely speakers for club meetings, including vocational talks by members

**Co-Chairs: Rich Horst, Tony Knobbe, and Bill Tubbs**

Marcia Brandt	Scott Case	Chris Cornoyer	Michele Darland	Rich Pokora		
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### Public Image

Objective: To create a positive public image for the club, including new media, signs, parades, trade shows, etc.

**Chair: Danielle Hines**

Dick Cole	Tony Knobbe	Sara Tomasson	Bill Tubbs			
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### Rotary Foundation

Objective: Develop strategies to promote Every Rotarian Every Year giving to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, including Paul Harris Society, Peace Centers, PolioPlus, Benefactors, and Bequest Society

**Chair: Chris Connolly**

Merle Anderson	Bill Tubbs					
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### Scholarships

Objective: To make recommendations to the Board for scholarship recipients

**Co-Chairs: Mindy Leahy and Sara Somsy**

Samantha Culver	Stephanie Eckhardt	Ardita Grunwald	Charlie Jones	Tricia Kane	Diane Papke-Cole	Steve Powell
Paul Thorson	Jan Touney	Heather Wagner				

## 2024-25 COMMITTEES

### School Shop

Objective: To work with social workers and school officials to provide useful items to students

**Chair: Jeremy Kaiser**

Carrie Keppy	Marcie Ordaz	Deb Peterson	Heather Wagner			
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### Service Above Self Auction

Objective: To plan and execute the annual club auction fundraiser

**Co-Chairs: Pat Olsen & Katie White**

**Pie Auction Chair: John Maxwell**

Cody Allen	Mitch Amhof	Jeff Ashcraft	Tyler Bindrim	Sean Eckhardt	Stephanie Eckhardt	Nathan Kessler
Eric Langan	Mindy Leahy	John Maxwell	Ken Rohwedder	Sara Tomasson	Bill Tubbs	Heather Wagner
Jordon Williams						

### Social Event Planning

Objective: To plan activities that enhance fellowship and relations to club members, including holiday gatherings

**Chair: Katie White**

Tyler Bindrim	Stephanie Eckhardt	Ardita Grunwald	Heather Wagner			
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### Social Media/Website

Objective: To update the club social media accounts and website, creating a professional and active media presence

**Chair: Daniell Hines**

Sara Tomasson	Heather Wagner					
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### Special Olympics

Objective: To organize club support for the Special Olympics games

**Co-Chairs: Kelly Meyer & Marty O'Boyle**

Glenn Eakes	Paul Holzworth	Kerri Hurning	Eric Langan	Tracy Lindaman	Fred Mulch	Bill Tubbs
Kim Wilkins	Jordon Williams					

### Youth Exchange

Objective: To promote involvement with Rotary Youth Exchange program, outbound and inbound, including procuring and working with host families

**Chair: Paul Kalainoff**

Scott Case	Marcia Brandt	Stephanie Eckhardt	Ardita Grunwald	Rily Grunwald	Deb Peterson	
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### Youth Harvest Party

Objective: To work with area Rotary clubs to provide underprivileged children with an outing to a pumpkin patch or other location in the fall

**Co-Chairs: Jeremy Kaiser and Anita Wubbena**

Merle Anderson	Tyler Bindrim	Dick Cole	Glenn Eakes	Mindy Leahy	Tracy Lindaman	Marty O'Boyle
Deb Peterson	Ken Rohwedder	Heather Wagner	Katie White	Theresa White	Kim Wilkins	Jordon Williams

### Youth Support Programs

Objective: To plan a spring club meeting to recognize Youth; to coordinate attendance of Junior Rotarians at club meetings; to identify students for District 6000 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA); and promote and support Interact at North Scott

**Chair: Jan Touney**

Marcia Brandt	Scott Case	Carrie Keppy	Tracy Lindaman	Don Wilmott		
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### Greeters

Objective: To arrange greeters at each club function

**Chair: Roger Amhof**

Marcia Brandt	Dick Cole	Sean Eckhardt	Stephanie Eckhardt	Rily Grunwald	Rich Horst	Jody Johnston-Mohr
Terrye Kishiue	Fred Mulch	Marty O'Boyle	Diane Papke-Cole	Leroy Paustian	Jack Schinckel	Jan Touney
Ken Rohwedder						

## 2024-25 COMMITTEES

<b>Reflection</b>						
Objective: To arrange for a brief (1-2 minutes) inspirational or "Rotary Minute" at club meetings that respects the diversity of Rotary membership and promotes inclusivity and offers a moment of unity						
<b>Chair: Becky Bray</b>						
Scott Case	Stephanie Eckhardt	Tony Knobbe	John Maxwell	Bill Tubbs	Drew Wilson	Theresa White

<b>Music</b>						
Objective: To arrange for the pianists and song leaders at club meetings						
<b>Co-Chairs: Jody Johnston-Mohr and Paul Holzworth</b>						
Jeff Ashcraft	Paul Holzworth	John Maxwell	Kelly Meyer	Sara Tomasson	Drew Wilson	

<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>						
Objective: You know the objective. If you don't, "That'll be a dollar!"						
<b>Chair: Ryan Johnson</b>						
Sean Eckhardt	Nathan Kessler	Eric Langan	John Maxwell	Kelly Meyer	Ross Paustian	Sara Tomasson

<b>Set up / Tear Down</b>						
Objective: To set up and tear down the room for meetings						
<b>Chair: Deb Peterson</b>						
Dick Cole	Marty O'Boyle	Don Sierk	Paul Thorson	Jordon Williams		

<b>Technology</b>						
Objective: To set up the Zoom option and other tech needs at meetings; also researches and provides solutions for improving our virtual connection with members and speakers						
<b>Chair: Greg Schaapveld</b>						
Deb Peterson	Sara Somsky	Sara Tomasson				

