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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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PROGRAM RECAP

Jordan Voight MercyOne Genesis

MercyOne is part of Trinity Health which is the largest healthcare organization throughout the nation. MercyOne statewide network is the largest healthcare delivery system in Iowa. They recently announced an expansion in the Eldridge community where they currently serve over 10k patients. With this expansion they are adding 13 new exam rooms and have already identified 2 new practitioners. They anticipate the addition will be open in August of 2025.

A top priority is recruitment and retention. Focusing on Tertiary Services: cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, neonatology, OB hospitalist, GI and providing better coverage and able to better serve patients within the network instead of having to transport to other cities or hospitals.

They are also purchasing 50 acres in Bettendorf to expand and provide acute care services. This is meant to meet the needs in Bettendorf but also to take burden off of the Davenport facility.

During Q&A **Pat Olsen** asked about recent changes in Clinton community. Jordan explained it's a change in the care delivery system and working on how to coordinate. Prior to this patients would have procedure in Clinton and then have to transport to Davenport. Now transport to Davenport for the procedure and no longer have to transport afterwards. Pat Olsen also asked about lack of Pediatric Neurologist. It's a volume issue.

Michle Darland asked for update on Davenport West. Jordan shared they're expanding more in the West Care Complex, don't want to duplicate the services when East and West are only 1.8 miles apart.

Brad Burt observed on a national level we spend so much on healthcare compared to other countries. It's a for profit looking at disease management instead of fixing issues. Do you have any plans to look at how do we make money while also making people healthy again? Jordan shared they are working on outpatient basis, preventative care. We are trying to do everything we can to keep you out of the hospital because that's extremely expensive. But nothing will change until pharmaceutical companies and legislation with them changes. Industry as a whole needs to change and we are focusing on it and doing what we can.

submitted by Danielle Hines

UPCOMING PROGRAM



**Quad City Symphony Maestro Mark Russell
Smith and Executive Director Brian Baxter**

arranged by Chris Connelly



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 13: Board Meeting at Steeplegate bar area 10:30 am

Friday, Dec. 13: Ugly Christmas Sweater / Holiday Outfit Contest and Quad City Symphony Maestro Mark Russell Smith and Executive Director Brian Baxter arranged by Chris Connelly

Friday, Dec. 20: Friendly Friday 7:20 am NSJH

Friday Dec. 20th: No meeting

Friday Dec. 27th: No meeting

Friday, Jan. 3rd: Wind turbine arranged by Scott Case

Friday, Jan. 10th: Jay Justin from Big Brothers Big Sisters arranged by Drew Wilson

Friday Jan. 17th: Holiday party, details TBA, no noon meeting

Friday Jan. 24th: Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Friday Jan 31st: offsite noon meeting at Genesis Heart Institute

Friday Feb 7th: Rene Gellerman, President & CEO of the United Way discusses newly published book, "The Adventures of Kids United: The Glass Bridge. Arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere.

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Dec. 13: Ken Rohwedder and Marcia Brandt

Jan. 3: Rily Grunwald & Sean Eckhardt

Jan. 10: Rich Horst & Fred Mulch

Jan. 24: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terrye Kishiue

INSPIRATION:

Dec. 13: John Maxwell

Jan. 3: Sara Tomasson

Jan. 10: Becky Bray

Jan. 24: Paul Holzworth

SONG LEADERS:

Dec. 13: Jeff Ashcraft

Jan. 3: Paul Holzworth

Jan. 10: Kelly Meyer

Jan. 24: Drew Wilson

PIANO:

Dec. 13: Tewanta Lopez

Jan. 3: Teri Wittkowski

Jan. 10: Tewanta Lopez

Jan. 24: Marguerite Holzworth

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Dec. 13: Jim Smith

Jan. 3: Sean Eckhardt

Jan. 10: John Maxwell

Jan. 24: Patrick Olsen

NEWSLETTER:

Dec. 13: Becky Bray

Jan. 3: Drew Wilson

Jan. 10: Bill Hoover

Jan. 24: Danielle Hines

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Don't forget to wear your best Christmas Attire! Think Ugly Christmas sweater, Buddy the Elf Costume or whatever else you might have. Pictures below to give you an idea of some winning outfits from the past.



MEETING RECAP

December 6th attendance was 57. The meeting consisted of 51 members and 6 guests. Charlie Jones and Steve Suiter joined by Zoom.

John Maxwell shared a reflection. **Sara Smosky** shared our guests: Hank Robinson, realtor is a guest of **Sean Eckhardt**. Ryan Peterson guest of **Katie White**. **Jack Schinckel** brought his wife Jean. Sasha Grunwald joined the **Grunwalds**. Joe joined us from the Bettendorf Club.

Bettendorf Rotarian Joe shared about their project to collect blankets for the homeless. This is their 4th year doing it and their goal is 4,000. Right now they are at 1,500. They have already given away 900 blankets. Drop boxes are at YMCA, Bettendorf Library and many other areas in the Quad Cities. If you donate money they also purchase them for \$9 a blanket. Give the blankets to the homeless to try to stay warm. They will have a drop box available at next week's meeting. For more info go to RotaryBlanketDrive.org.

Pat Olsen gave a recap of the Service Above Self Gala. Giant thank you to everybody but especially **Katie White, Mindy Leahy** and **Jeff Ashcraft**. We had 536 people and raised \$165,000. Still working on net number and will get that in January after bills are paid. The Venue at Sheridan Meadows is our bandshell project. Pat will do a program on the entire project in January/February.

Greg Schappveld shared **Pat DeLuca** is home recuperating and doing well, keep him in your thoughts please.

Becky Bray shared we'll bring cards next week to send out to those who need encouragement or to know we are thinking about them.

Sean Eckhardt shared that **Stephanie Eckhardt** was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from Quad City Area Realtors.

Scott Case shared January 3rd we will have a program that he is putting together. Regarding windmills and one that blew up on a farmer locally.

Sandy Pistol shared that she quit her job this morning. She likes building relationships and wasn't getting to do that in her previous job. She is looking for employment, has advertising, marketing and sales experience.

Rich Golinghorst bought that burn pit at the auction and thanked **Brad Burt** and **Tracy Lindamen** for delivering it to his house for him.

Sergeant **Ross Paustian**:

Mentioned how **Eric Langan** and our speaker are matching, but didn't want to embarrass them.

Fined **John Maxwell** for being overdressed.

Fined **Eric Langan** about his commercials being on all the time.

If you didn't go to the gala pay a dollar. If you had guests there that didn't buy anything you owe a dollar, too.

Fines collected by Ross Paustian were \$33.00.

LAST MEETING FOR 2025

Reminder, we will not have another meeting in December due to a holiday break. Our next meeting is Jan. 3rd. In case you missed Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Gala, here you go!



FRIENDLY FRIDAY DEC. 20

Please join us in the final Friendly Friday of the year on Friday Dec. 20th. Meet at North Scott Junior High at 7:20. Reach out to Theresa White with any questions.

BRING BLANKETS!

Last week Joe, from the Bettendorf Rotary attended our meeting and shared about their blanket project. Bettendorf Rotary will be collecting blankets at our Dec. 13th meeting. Let's show them how we can show up! See last page of newsletter for more info and QR code.



WHAT A WELCOME



Erik Langan went the extra mile to ensure our speaker felt comfortable by dressing exactly like him. Just kidding. Although this was not planned the two quickly found out they have more in common than just fashion sense, they both attended Augustana and the same fraternity.

TIP OUR SERVER THIS WEEK

Please bring cash to our December 13th meeting as we will pass a bucket around the room to tip our server Deb for being so helpful at our meetings throughout the year!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Stephanie Eckhardt was recently named as the 2024 Recipient of the William E Stradt, Sr/Bud Hill Distinguished Service Award from Quad Cities Area Realtors. Stephanie is definitely worthy of this acknowledgment. She is involved in so many ways throughout our community including QCAR Project Jack, Go Red for Women, NS Rotary, NS School Board,, NS Athletic Boosters, NS Music Boosters, First Tee of the QC, JA of the Heartland, PEO Chapter OM, Bix 7 Committee Chair and Catholic Service Board.



JUST FOR FUN

How do you wash your hands over the holiday? *With Santatizer.*

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? *A rebel without a Claus.*

What nationality is Santa Claus? *North Polish.*

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? *Nothing. It was on the house.*

What brand of motorcycle does Santa ride? *Holly Davidson.*

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? *He got 25 days.*

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? *The Christmas alphabet has No-el.*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? *Frostbite.*

What's the Grinch's least favorite band? *The Who.*

Imagine... "acres of warmth"
to keep those less fortunate
warm this winter.



The goal of the
Bettendorf Rotary
Blanket Drive
is to collect over **4,000
blankets** to give to local
charitable organizations
so they help families in
need stay warmer this
winter.
Visit our website to learn
about drop-off sites and
donations.

Donate your new or gently used blankets to help keep
those less fortunate warm this winter.

Drive Dates: Nov. 1—Dec. 20, 2024



No blankets, but want
to help?
Make a monetary
donation at:
RotaryBlanketDrive.org

