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PROGRAM RECAP

Wind Turbine Exposure with Dwayne Anderson

President Greg Schaapveld introduced our program presented by North Scott Rotary's own Dwayne Anderson, certified as an Accredited Land Consultant by the National Association of Realtors, stating, "Under all is the land". Scott Case, originally co-presenter, was unable to attend.

Mr. Anderson opens by framing the narrative regarding Green Energy projects with two major forces, first being the taxpayers contribution, resulting in public subsidies as well as potential political "contributions". The second force lies in the mindset of the rural landowners and their "anxiety for income".

"Guardrails" exist for implementation of future projects, with siting decisions in IL handled on the State level and similar oversight at the County and local level in IA. Mr. Schaapveld, previously Eldridge City Engineer and currently Planning and Development Director for Scott County, presented an overview of current ordinances regarding such projects, citing Clinton County as a model. Approval for projects is based on land classification with no prior public approval necessary for projects under 80 feet from base to hub (height to top of blade is not considered). Structures up to 199 feet in height require only a \$100 Special Use Permit from the County Board of Supervisors (sounds like a job for John M). However with the conditions available locally, a commercially viable turbine does not reach optimal generating capacity under a height of 600 feet. Current local ordinances are in danger of becoming outdated.

Mr. Anderson cites major detractions for future green energy projects, the first being the location of our region atop the Muscatine Silt Loam, which soil experts agree that soil conditions place this region in the top three in global agricultural yield. Such projects, specifically solar arrays, create questionable outcomes of land use. The second factor includes the ability for structures to interfere with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration government sponsored weather radar which provide valuable information regarding storm formation, with potential structural interference from wind turbines within a 19km radius of the radar base potentially negating the ability to assess violent weather patterns and negatively affecting public safety.

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Jay Justin, President and CEO

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley
arranged by Drew Wilson

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Jan 10th: board meeting at 10:30 at bar area of Steeplegate
Friday, Jan. 10th: Jay Justin from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley arranged by Drew Wilson
Friday Jan. 17th: No noon meeting, 6:30-9:30 Holiday celebration at Iron Tee Golf, Champions Lounge, 6909 Iron Tee Way, Bettendorf
Friday Jan. 24th: Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
Saturday Jan 25th: 9:00 am Special Olympics Basketball Skills, North Scott Junior High.
Friday Jan 31st: Friendly Friday at North Scott Jr High
Friday Jan 31st: Noon meeting offsite at the Adler Health Education Center, located in the lower level of Genesis Heart Institute, 1236 East Rusholme, Davenport. Program topic Robotic Heart Surgery, arranged by Marcia Brandt. A box lunch will be served.
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.
Saturday Feb 8th: Rotary Night at the Quad City Storm game
Friday Feb 14th: Valentine's Day meeting with entertainment from Jazz Band Night School
Friday Feb 21st: program TBA
Friday Feb 28th: Friendly Friday at NSJH
Friday Feb 28th: Joe Cook from Amazon

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Jan. 10: Rich Horst & Fred Mulch
Jan. 24: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terrye Kishiue

PIANO:

Jan. 10: Tewanta Lopez
Jan. 24: Marguerite Holzworth

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jan. 10: Becky Bray
Jan. 24: Paul Holzworth

INSPIRATION:

NEWSLETTER:

Jan. 10: Kelly Meyer
Jan. 24: Drew Wilson

SONG LEADERS:

PROGRAM RECAP CONTINUED

A third detriment stems from the need for a "fall radius" mitigating damage in the event of a tower collapse. with potential to negatively affect future land use and development. Lastly, construction and maintenance of wind turbines and the associated logistics has the potential to create soil impaction, a measurable negative in crop land yield.

Landowners need to balance the \$20k-\$30k per structure per year average lease payment against the negative aspects. Federal tax credits available to a turbine operator generally fall into the hands of large corporations with earning power to generate enough profit to benefit from the tax credits. Responsibility for the turbines often transfers from the initial operator, leaving the host landowner with no recourse in the case of damage or disposal, causing many the need to "mortgage the farm to tear one down". The case of loss of life due to collapse of equipment or projectiles (i.e. ice chunks hitting passing vehicles) can create infeasibility to insure against liability for loss of life estimated at \$30 million.

Mr. Anderson thanks his wife for encouragement to take every opportunity to speak out against this issue.

notes submitted by Drew Wilson

MEETING RECAP

Attendance was 57 members and 6 guests. Guests were Jason Gordon, Gary Mohr, Chuck and Bill Brockmann, Vic Schelin and Mike Haney.

Fines collected by **Sean Eckhardt** was \$61.00
Cards were signed for **Mike Thavenet** and Deb Steffen, on the death of her mother, Lois Seibel.

Piano music provided by Teri Witkowski with **Paul Holzworth** as song leader.

Inspiration provided by **Sara Tomasson** who reminds us "What matters is within".

Katie White provided announcement for the upcoming NS Rotary event at Iron Tee on January 17th.

Deb Peterson announced the absence of our regular server, Deb, based upon a death in her family. A sympathy card was passed among Club members.

Matt Russ announced the upcoming NS Rotary event at the QC Storm hockey game in February.

Business and personals included **John Maxwell's** announcement of the birth of daughter Miranda's baby, Lewella May, the 7th grandchild for John.

Kelly Meyer solicited participation in the upcoming basketball skills competition.

Ross Paustian congratulated **John Maxwell** on his recent election as Chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

Rich Golinghorst visited member **Jim Koehler** at his new apartment.

Sergeant-At-Arms **Sean Eckhart** issued fines to **Tony Knobbe** for his wayward thermos cup, NS School Board members for their approval of Friday early outs (causing child care issues across the County), wife **Stephanie Eckhardt** for the golf hole-in-one by "her" daughter, **Paul and Marguerite Holzworth** for renewing their vows after 62 years of marriage, **John Maxwell** for his recent Chair appointment, those who admit to already having broken their New Year's resolutions, **Danielle Hines** for consulting an online source to correctly answer the question of what year began the tradition of having the ball drop in Times Square on New Years (correct answer: 1907, side note: I can't even get internet access in that room?!), and lastly **Eric Langham** for his questionable complimentary comment praising **John Maxwell**.

notes submitted by Drew Wilson

SYMPATHY

Please keep our server, Deb Steffen, in your thoughts and prayers. As discussed at our meeting last week, her mother, Lois Seibel passed away recently.

OFF SITE MEETING JAN 31ST

Deb will be collecting sign ups for our Jan 31st meeting. It will be offsite at Adler Health Education Center, located in the lower level of Genesis Heart Institute, 1236 East Rusholme, Davenport. Program topic Robotic Heart Surgery, arranged by Marcia Brandt. A box lunch will be served so signups are needed to provide an accurate lunch order!

HOLIDAY PARTY

Don't forget to sign up and join us at the annual holiday party at:

Iron Tee Golf

6909 Iron Tee Way, Bettendorf, IA

Friday, January 17th 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Complimentary for Members and One Guest
Hors d'oeuvres ·Cash Bar ·Golf (Optional)

Sign up sheets are on the table. If you have any questions reach out to Katie White.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Contact Kelly Meyer to help with Special Olympics on Saturday, January 25th. We don't have the exact start time but its usually about 9 am. You'll spend time helping with basketball skills. But don't worry, no need to be have any basketball skills, we just keep the program moving! This is a great opportunity to earn a red badge. Below are some photos of last year's event!



GREAT FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR!

Below is a photo of the great group we had at our first meeting of the new year. Additionally we have North Scott Rotarian Dwayne Anderson speaking during his presentation and President Greg Schappveld bailing him out as well :)



ROTARY: FELLOWSHIP

I spy Jim Smith, Scott Case, Dick Cole, Ann Hanson (maybe more rotarians!) in this group celebrating the holiday together! What a good way to celebrate one of our core values: Fellowship.

Our Core Values include: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership.



HOCKEY NIGHT

On the back page of the newsletter is a Quad City Storm Rotary Club Hockey Night flier. It would be great to have a large North Scott Rotary presence! And fun! Plus \$5 from every ticket goes back to the club. If you have any questions reach out to Matt Russ.

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