



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
January 29, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Mike Naig: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture since 2018, visited the North Scott Rotary Club on January 24. He shared that he has visited several Rotary Clubs before, and found our club to be particularly lively.

Naig has been in Southeast Iowa for the last couple of days, visiting several destinations. One of his stops was at the North Scott Regional Innovation Center, which he found impressive and believes will be a great community asset.

Naig opened his presentation by explaining that on farms, there are two categories of events: things you can control and things you can't. Two uncontrollable factors are weather and markets. Iowa weather is unpredictable, with four years of drought followed by tornadoes throughout the state. Fortunately, despite these conditions, corn and soybeans are now being produced at increased levels across Iowa.

Discussing the global market, Naig shared that the agricultural economy starts at the farm gate. Unfortunately, farm income has decreased by 25% over the last two years. Overall, the agricultural economy is softening, which is concerning. In Iowa, we have an increased supply of products, but it is important to ensure that the demand for these products exists.

Naig mentioned that with a new federal administration, including an entirely new Cabinet, there is a need to educate officials on agricultural issues. Iowa has the second- largest agriculture industry in the nation, just behind California. Naig expects a fairly quiet year from an agricultural policy standpoint but expressed excitement about Choose Iowa (chooseiowa.gov), an initiative aimed at connecting consumers to Iowa produce and expanding markets for Iowa farmers. Choose Iowa offers customers the option to purchase food items originating from Iowa farms, with plans to expand the project.

Naig also answered questions from Rotarians on topics such as solar farms, soil conservation efforts, sustainable aviation fuel, and the avian flu.

Meeting notes submitted by Sam Culver.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Robotic Heart Surgery

Sue Jennings, Director of Surgical Services
and a MercyOne Genesis surgeon

No cash? No problem! Scan below to send \$ to @NSRotary via Venmo.



Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 with speaker Sue Jennings, Director of Surgical Services, and a MercyOne Genesis surgeon. Arranged by Marcia Brandt. A box lunch will be served.
- Wednesday, Feb 5th:** New Member Orientation at the Scott County Library in Eldridge 5:30 pm.
- Friday, Feb 7th:** Daniel Sheridan, Senior VP of Community Impact for United Way Quad Cities discusses literacy. Arranged by Michele Darland
- 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:** Dr. Kit Ford with Argrow's House & Café. Arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere
- Friday, Feb 28th:** Friendly Friday at NSJH
- Friday, Feb 28th:** Joe Cook from Amazon

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

- Feb. 7: Marty O'Boyle & Dale Grunwald
Feb. 14: Diane Papke-Cole & Patrick Olsen
Feb. 21: Leroy Paustian & Jack Schinckel
Feb. 28: Dick Cole & Ken Rohwedder

INSPIRATION:

- Feb 7: Tony Knobbe
Feb 14: Scott Case
Feb 21: Stephanie Eckhardt
Feb 28: Becky Bray

SONG LEADERS:

- Feb 7: John Maxwell
Feb 14: VJody Johnston-Mohr
Feb 21: Jody Johnston-Mohr
Feb 28: Jeff Ashcraft

PIANO:

- Feb 7: Teri Wittkowski
Feb 14: Tewanta Lopez
Feb 21: Marguerite Holzworth
Feb 28: TBD

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

- Feb 7: Eric Langan
Feb 14: Brad Burt
Feb 21: Nathan Kessler
Feb 28: Ross Paustian

NEWSLETTER:

- Jan 31st: Danielle Hines
Feb 7: Theresa White
Feb 14: Marcia Brandt
Feb 21: Becky Bray
Feb 28: Drew Wilson

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:

If you still have a red badge please attend the New Member Orientation on Wed. Feb 5th at the library in Eldridge. If you have any questions reach out to **Deb Petersen**.

MEETING RECAP

Attendance Jan. 24 was 54 members and 7 guests. Attending via Zoom were **Becky Bray** and **Theresa White**. Guests were Gretchen Nollman, guest of **John Maxwell**, Tracy Kuehl, guest of **Chris Cournoyer**, Angie Johnson & Dave Meggers, guests of **Katie White**. Marguerite Holzworth and our speaker Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig and his assistant. **Patrick Olsen** collected \$145 in fines.

Reflection: **Paul Holzworth** sang "Without a Song" and shared the importance music has in our lives.

Announcements: **Kelly Meyer** shared that Special Olympics Basketball Skills will be Saturday, January 25 at North Scott Junior High. Rotarians should arrive at 9:00 am. The event begins at 9:30 am.

Deb Peterson reminded the club that Friendly Friday will be held on January 31 at 7:20 am at North Scott Junior High.

Marcia Brandt reminded the club that our meeting on next week will be at the Genesis Heart Institute. She also shared that the Rotary Youth Exchange is looking for at least two host families for exchange students. The deadline to sign up and go through proper screening procedures is the end of February.

Matt Russ shared that QC Storm's Rotary Night is Sat, Feb 8. Tickets are \$25 each, \$5 goes to our club.

Katie White reminded the club that the Valentine's Day meeting is on Friday, Feb 14 at the Steeplegate. Please sign up even if you are not bringing a guest!!

Business and Personals

Jeff Ashcraft shared that his daughter is expecting a child. Congratulations!

Chris Cournoyer was just sworn in as the 48th Lieutenant Governor of Iowa. Congratulations! Chris also reminded those eligible to vote in the District 35 special election on Tuesday, January 28.

Rily Grunwald shared that the first snow was made at Lost Oasis. They hope to have an event planned within the next couple of weeks.

Stephanie Eckhardt shared that Sean has been given final approval to undergo his procedures at Northwestern.

Sergeant at Arms: performed by **Pat Olsen**.
notes submitted by **Sam Culver**

MEETING LOCATION

The 1/31/2025 meeting is being held in the Adler Education Center located in the basement of the MercyOne Genesis Heart Institute. The physical address is 1236 E Rusholme St. Parking is in the north parking ramp and please carpool if you are able. The list below are those who rsvp'd and we will have a lunch for.

Jeff Ashcraft	Tricia Kane
Tyler Bindrum	Carrie Keppy
Marcia Brandt	Nathan Kessler
Becky Bray	Tony Knobbe
Brad Burt	Jen Kress
Scott Case	Mindy Leahy
Diane Cole	John & Joan Maxwell
Dick Cole	Tom Messer
Chris Connolly	Kelly Meyer
Samantha Culver	Fred Mulch
Michele Darland	Marty O'Boyle
Glenn Eakes	Patrick Olsen
Sean & Stephanie Eckhardt	Leroy Paustian
Steve Fahrenkrog	Ross Paustian
Rich Golinghorst	Deb Peterson
Dale & Jill Grunwald	Richard Pokora
Rily & Ardita Grunwald	Steve Powell
Pete Hadjis	Ken Rohwedder
Ann Hanson	Greg Schaapveld
Danielle Hines	Jack and Georgine Schinckel
Paul Holzworth	Don Sierk
Rich Horst	Jim Smith
Kerri Hurning	Sara Somsy
Deanna Jensen-Valliere	Paul Thronson
Ryan Johnson	Katie White
Angela Johnson	Theresa White
Jody Johnston-Mohr	Kim Wilkins
	Jordon Williams

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

North Scott Rotary youth exchange committee is looking for host families for the 2025-26 school year. This can be for a partial or whole school year.

If this is not a possibility for you at this time, how about family members, friends, and other acquaintances??

Please let Paul Kalainoff or Marcia Brandt know if you are interested or would like any information!

Paul: kalainoff@gmail.com

Marcia: marwoods11@hotmail.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We had a great group volunteering for Special Olympics last week. Will share photos in next weeks newsletter but shoutout to the following rotarians for their Service Above Self:

Sara Happel
Jason Happel
Kelly Meyer
Marty O'Boyle
Sam Culver
Eric Langan
Jenny Langan
Dale Grunwald
Jill Grunwald
Katie White
Heather Wagner
Fred Mulch
Shawn Eckhardt
Kim Wilkins
Kerri Hurning
Stephanie Eckhardt
Addison Eckhardt
Matt Meyer
Carrie Keppy

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Please reach out to **Pat Olsen** or **Jeff Ashcraft** to donate or for more information.

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ROTARY CLUB NIGHT SATURDAY FEB. 8TH



\$ 25

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&
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to designated
rotary group.**

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NORTH SCOTT ROTARY MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION DATES (2025 Anniversaries)

1973-79 (2)

Rob White, 48 years (November 1977)
Bob Bainter, 46 years (February 1979)

1980-89 (3)

Scott Case, 45 years (May 1980)
Dick Cole, 34 years (1986-89, March 1994)
*Pat DeLuca, 23 years (1987-2001, July 2014)

1990-99 (15)

Jim Smith, 35 years (March 1990)
Charlie Jones, 34 years (June 1991)
*Merle Anderson, 33 years (December 1992)
Steve Powell, 32 years (January 1993)
Roger Amhof, 30 years (February 1995)
Eddie Newman, 30 years (September 1995)
Jim Koehler, 30 years (December 1995)
Jeff Ashcraft, 23 years (1996-2008, July 2014)
Anita Wubbena, 29 years (December 1996)
Steve Fahrenkrog, 27 years (June 1998)
Becky Bray, 27 years (December 1998)
Kelly Meyer, 26 years (April 1999)
Jack Schinckel, 26 years (April 1999)
Sheila Volrath, 26 years (October 1999)
Hank Runge, 26 years (December 1999)

2000-09 (17)

John Maxwell, 25 years (December 2000)
Jeff Helms, 25 years (December 2000)
Bradley Burt, 22 years (January 2003)
Fred Mulch, 22 years (June 2003)
Glen Keppy, 22 years (September 2003)
Leroy Paustian, 21 years (June 2004)
Kim Wilkins, 20 years (January 2005)
Eric Langan, 20 years (February 2005)
Jody Johnston-Mohr, 20 years (July 2005)
Richard Golinghorst, 20 years (July 2005)
Glenn Eakes, 19 years (January 2006)
Cody Allen, 19 years (January 2006)
Richard Horst, 19 years (March 2006)
Paul Kalainoff, 19 years (July 2006)
*Chris Connolly, 19 years (October 2006)
Tom Messer, 17 years (March 2008)
Jeremy Kaiser, 17 years (May 2008)

2010-19 (35)

Ryan Varner, 15 years (October 2010)
Marty O'Boyle, 15 years (October 2010)
Lori Rochau, 15 years (November 2010)
Jerry Coussens, 14 years (January 2011)
Marcia Brandt, 14 years (August 2011)
Seth Porter, 14 years (August 2011)
Nathan Kessler, 13 years (January 2012)
Pat Olsen, 13 years (February 2012)
Greg Schaapveld, 13 years (April 2012)
Paul Holzworth, 13 years (April 2012)
Terry Kishiue, 13 years (June 2012)
Donn Wilmott, 13 years (December 2012)
Josh Cobie, 12 years (March 2013)
*Richard Pokora, 12 years (March 2013)
*Joe Stutting, 11 years (August 2014)

Tricia Kane, 11 years (September 2014)
Deb Peterson, 11 years (September 2014)
Jan Touney, 9 years (January 2016)
Mike Thavenet, 9 years (February 2016)
Donald Sierk, 14 years (1980-85, June 2016)
Tyler Bindrum, 9 years (June 2016)
Chris Cournoyer, 8 years (May 2017)
Tracy Lindaman, 8 years (September 2017)
Matt Maiers, 7 years (February 2018)
Tony Knobbe, 7 years (May 2018)
Ryan Johnson, 7 years (June 2018)
*Deanna Jensen-Valliere, 7 years (July 2018)
Heather Wagner, 7 years (November 2018)
Brian Ritter, 6 years (January 2019)
Diane Papke-Cole, 6 years (March 2019)
Jason Happel, 6 years (March 2019)
Sara Somsky, 6 years (April 2019)
Theresa White, 6 years (August 2019)
Dwayne Anderson, 6 years (November 2019)
Jimmy Holt, 6 years (November 2019)

2020-present (38)

*Mahesh Sharma, 5 years (February 2020)
Brad Nielsen, 5 years (February 2020)
Mindy Leahy, 5 years (April 2020)
Danielle Hines, 4 years (April 2021)
Marcie Ordaz, 4 years (August 2021)
Ken Rohwedder, 4 years (October 2021)
Chance Berger, 3 years (January 2022)
Catherine Meinsma, 3 years (January 2022)
Michele Darland, 3 years (April 2022)
Drew Wilson, 3 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Rick Willows, 3 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Brian Sheedy, 3 years (April 2022)
Katie White, 3 years (April 2022)
Scott Webster, 3 years (June 2022)
Ross Paustian, 3 years (July 2022)
Mitch Amhof, 3 years (August 2022)
Matthew Rus, 3 years (September 2022)
Dale Grunwald, 3 years (November 2022)
Jill Grunwald, 3 years (November 2022)
*Sean Eckhardt, 3 years (December 2022)
*Stephanie Eckhardt, 3 years (December 2022)
Jordon Williams, 2 (January 2023)
Mark Harvey, 2 years (March 2023)
Paul Thronson, 2 years (March 2023)
Rily Grunwald, 2 years (March 2023)
Ardita Grunwald, 2 years (March 2023)
Kerri Hurning, 2 years (May 2023)
Erica Schroeder-Cerda, 2 years (May 2023)
Monica Hursey, 2 years (September 2023)
Dr. William Hoover, 2 years (September 2023)
Laura Williams, 2 years (October 2023)
Carrie Keppy, 2 years (November 2023)
Jennifer Kress (March 2024)
Bryan Bolen (June 2024)
*Sandy Pistole (June 2024)
Samantha Culver, (July 2024)
Amy Thompson (October 2024)
Michael Bristley (November 2024)

(* Years in Rotary Club(s) other than North Scott not included

North Scott Rotary

Valentine Sweetheart Luncheon



Friday, Feb. 14 regular noon luncheon at Steeplegate Inn

Music by 'Night School' NSHS jazz band

Bring your sweetheart (guest)

Meal Price Members - paid with dues, guests \$20

Lunch count needed by Monday, Feb 10 - Use signup sheet below or contact Katie White: 563-271-5849 or

kwhite@whiteroofing.com - PLEASE SIGN UP EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT BRINGING A GUEST!!

Rotarian's name	Guest's name

