



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
February 12th, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Daniel Sheridan, United Way shares about Literacy Needs

Michele Darland introduced Daniel Sheridan from United Way QC and Daniel said that the President sends regards that she couldn't make it. However Daniel was a great presenter and ready to step in! He shared some background, that the United Way's focus is on literacy, youth opportunities and education, healthy communities, financial security and workforce development.

He notes that 68,000 Quad Citians were impacted last year from United Way. They are investing 6.5 million dollars to non-profit organizations. They have some lofty goals which include:

- increasing 3rd graders reading at Grade Level by 30%. Currently it's at 56%.
- 20% increase of Quad Citizens having living wages which is at 63% now
- 95% having access to routine health care which is at 74% now

Daniel shared a great Literacy video and once you learn to read you will be Forever Free! Stats shared include:

- 1 in 5 adults today cannot read
- A 5 year olds brain is 90% already developed
- In 3rd grade you shift from learning to read to reading to learn
- If at Grade Level Reading or above kids are twice as likely to succeed in math and science

The pandemic impacted learning levels, including an increase in chronic absenteeism. Today Middle School attendance is a HUGE challenge. 44% of Quad Cities 3rd Graders are not at Grade Level Reading. Literacy can break these cycles.

Programs United Way Supports:

Reading United – buddy reading in schools

Ready by Five – for parents

Vision to Learn – 1,000 pairs of glasses

Books and Barbers

United for Schools

Books and Literacy

Goal - \$100,000 to fund these programs and

1,200 copies of Kids United Books to schools

Check out their website to either purchase books, help with reading these in classes, or donate.



Meeting notes submitted by Theresa White.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Valentines Meeting with Entertainment from
NSHS Jazz Band Night School!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, Feb 14th: Valentine's Day meeting with entertainment from Jazz Band Night School

Fri, Feb 21st: Dr. Kit Ford with Argrow's House & Café. Arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere

Tues, Feb. 25th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00

Fri, Feb 28th: Friendly Friday at NSJH

Fri, Feb 28th: Joe Cook from Amazon

Tues, March 4th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00

Fri, March 7th: TBA

Sat, March 8th: President Elect Training DMACC Newton, IA

Tues, March 11th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00

Fri, March 14th: 10:30 Board Meeting at Steeplegate

Fri, March 14th: TBA

Fri, March 21st: TBA

Tue, March 25th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00

Wed, March 26th: 8:30 am Dictionary distribution to 4th grades at Truman, Filmore and Harrison Elementaries, Davenport.

Fri, March 28th : 7:20 am Friendly Friday at NSJH

Fri, March 28th: TBA

Tues, April 1st: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00

Fri., April 4th: TBA

Fri, April 11th: 10:30 Board Meeting at Steeplegate

Fri, April 11th: TBA

Sat, April 12th: District 6000 Conference at FFA Enrichment Center DMACC Ankeny, Iowa

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on February 7 was 53. 47 members and 6 guests attended. **Deanna Jensen Valliere** brought guest Paula Turelli from Family Resources. **Becky Bray** brought returning guest Angela J from Runge Mortuary. **Greg Schappveld** brought neighbor Scott P. from John Deere. Rev. Rich brought **Mike Zimmer** new State Senator. Lastly, Sasha Grunwald was present, daughter of **Ardita and Rily**. Attending via Zoom were **Steve Suiter, Tricia Kane, Fred Mulch** and **Don Sierk**. **Eric Langan** collected \$108 in fines.

Inspiration: **Tony Knobbe** talked about his first visit to the Lincoln Memorial at the age of 14 and read a few great quotes from President Lincoln.

Matt Russ spoke about Rotary Night at the QC Storm, **Katie White** reminded everyone to sign up for Valentine Party, for accurate food count.

Marcie Brandt spoke about the Rotary Youth Exchange, if you are willing to host or know somebody who would please reach out to her.

Theresa White asked for readers for John Glenn Rotary reads program. Sign up sheets are available on tables or reach out to her or **John Maxwell**.

Greg Schappveld reminded everyone of Board Meeting 2-14

Business and Personals:

Drew Wilson spoke about Singing Valentines.

Joe Stutting Complimented the NS Wrestling Team, made it to state duals by defeating the 4th rank team.

Deanna Jensen Valliere not only shared about National Wear Read Day but was dressed head to toe in red, including a rose purse and sunglasses.

Seargent Eric Langan fined **Deb Peterson** for writing "if he shows up" on the agenda! Then fined **Dale Grunwald, Brad Burt, Scott Case., Jimmy Holt, Matt Russ, Joe Stutting,** and **Drew Wilson**. Then Eric played Blackjack with everyone as he just got back from Flooring Conference in Las Vegas. Tables that won received a Pay Day candy bar! Sasha was the player at her table and Won!!!

Call 1-800-***** if you have a problem with gambling! ;)

notes submitted by Theresa White.

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Feb. 14: Diane Papke-Cole & Patrick Olsen

Feb. 21: Leroy Paustian & Jack Schinckel

Feb. 28: Dick Cole & Ken Rohwedder

INSPIRATION:

Feb 14: Scott Case

Feb 21: Stephanie Eckhardt

Feb 28: Becky Bray

SONG LEADERS:

Feb 14: Jody Johnston-Mohr

Feb 21: Jody Johnston-Mohr

Feb 28: Jeff Ashcraft

PIANO:

Feb 14: Tewanita Lopez

Feb 21: Ron May

Feb 28: Marguerite Holzworth

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Feb 14: Brad Burt

Feb 21: Nathan Kessler

Feb 28: Ross Paustian

NEWSLETTER:

Feb 14: Marcia Brandt

Feb 21: Becky Bray

Feb 28: Drew Wilson



Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Angela (Angie) Johnson has applied for membership into North Scott Rotary. She has been approved by the Board of Directors and the Classification Committee. Her sponsor is **Becky Bray**. Angie is a Family Service Counselor for pre-planning funeral items with SCI-Dignity, serving Runge and Weerts Funeral Homes and Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. She resides in Rock Island, IL.
Seven days for comment.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



We recently held a new member orientation at the Eldridge Library. Members attending and working their way closer to a blue badge were **Michael Bristley, Amy Thompson, Samantha Culver, and Bryan Bolin**. The session was led by past president **Tracy Lindaman**, with assistance from **Greg Schaapveld, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Tony Knobbe, Chris Connolly, and Deb Peterson**.
Thank you all for attending!

SARGE SHENANIGANS

Eric Langan had some fun raising money as the Sarge. Here he teaches Sasha how to play Black Jack. She ended up winning!



NEED A VALENTINE GIFT?

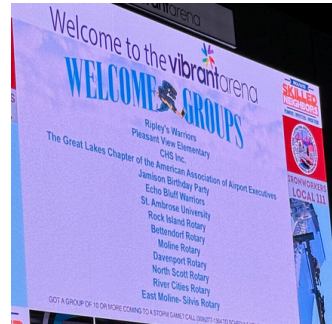
Drew Wilson shared that the Chordbusters will be doing singing Valentines again this year. Please reach out to him at 815-719-3584 to get yours scheduled or to learn more.



ROTARY NIGHT AT STORM

We had a blast at the Storm game last Saturday. The following Rotarians and family members attended:

- Mindy and Ed Leahy**
- Sean, Stephanie and Addison Eckhardt**
- Danielle, Jake, Harrison and Mac Hines**
- Deanna and John Valliere**



ROTARY READS

Please consider volunteering for our Rotary Reads program. There are upcoming Tuesdays in February and March where rotarians can read to John Glenn students (see calendar for dates). Sign up sheets will be at the table at meetings or reach out to **Theresa White** or **John Maxwell** to sign up.

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

Deanna Valliere is dressed to impress while she shares about National Wear Red Day to acknowledge and bring attention to heart disease.



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 Somsy, 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