



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
 March 5th, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Nate from Amazon

Chris Cournoyer introduced Nate Rudy from Amazon. She has taken a tour and notes three things that impressed her:

1. awareness of shopping patterns of customers
2. robots doing work
3. the tech accommodations for those with disabilities.



Nate shared that he has been with Amazon for 12 years and opened the facility here in Davenport a year ago. He shared a video showing the robots carrying pallets, pickers at work finding items and packing stations with totes on a conveyor belt. There are different systems for packing one item ordered or multiple items.

The company has hourly employees at full time and reduced hours. They work two 10hr shifts so they have time each day to make sure equipment is maintained and repaired. They employ staff in IT, trades, medical, and human resources.

In peak season in Davenport, which is Black Friday through the holidays, they send 3.2 million units a week and employ 3000 workers. Regular season has 2.2 million units and 2500 workers. There is an algorithm for everything: routing robots so pickers can choose the items, restocking, learning customers buying trends. They can even hold items if they know that a customer usually adds orders on later in the day.

They use third party deliverers, UPS and USPS. In addition, small business use them for FBA (Filled By Amazon) for their business needs. Regionalization helps with fuel costs, although if they are the only facility who has something in stock, they will ship it across the country. The Davenport facility is 2.7 million sq ft and has five floors. They recycle all the boxes their products come to them in.

A few questions answered - there are a few experimental drone deliveries in Arizona and they do sell carpet! (Area rugs)

Meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray

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



UPCOMING PROGRAM



HAV-Life Foundation with Mike Vondran
 arranged by Scott Case



Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, March 7th: Hav Life Foundation with Mike Vondran organized by Scott Case
Sat, March 8th: President Elect Training DMACC Newton, IA
Tues, March 11th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00 (Ardita Grunwald, Jill Grunwald, Tony Knobbe)
Thurs, March 12th: Big For A Day Ed White 11:05 , a group will also be at Neil Armstrong at 11:30
Fri, March 14th: 10:30 Board Meeting at Steeplegate
Fri, March 14th: Update on Iowa Legislature from State Rep. Gary Mohr arranged by Richard Pokora
Fri, March 21st: Jennifer Claeys Quad City Outdoor Womens Club arranged by Marcia Brandt
Tue, March 25th: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00 (Tracy Lindaman, Theresa White)
Wed, March 26th: Dictionary distribution to 4th grades at Harrison Elementary at 8:30, Truman at 9:30, Filmore at 10:30.
Fri, March 28th : 7:20 am Friendly Friday at NSJH
Fri, March 28th: TBA
Tues, April 1st: Rotary Reads at John Glenn 11:00 (Crista Ashcraft, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Tricia Kane, Tracy Lindaman)
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

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Mar 7: Jen Kress and Marcia Brandt
Mar 14: Amy T. and Rich Horst
Mar 21: Sam Culver and Rily G
Mar 28: M. Bristley and Jan Touney

PIANO:

Mar 7; :Teri Wittkowski
Mar 14: Tewanta Lopez
Mar 21: Marguerite Holzworth
Mar 28: TBA

NEWSLETTER:

Mar 7: Bill Hoover
Mar 14: Marcia Brandt
Mar 21: Sam Culver
Mar 28: Drew Wilson

SONG LEADERS:

Mar 7: Paul Holzworth
Mar 14: Kelly Meyer
Mar 21: Drew Wilson
Mar 28: John Maxwell

INSPIRATION:

Mar 7: Theresa White
Mar 14: Deanna JV
Mar 21: Dick Cole
Mar 28: Drew Wilson

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mar 7: Brad Burt
Mar 14: Pat Olsen
Mar 21: Kelly Meyer
Mar 28: John Maxwell

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on Feb. 28 was 58 members, 5 guests and 5 by Zoom. Guests were the speaker, Nathan Rudy, Marguerite Holzworth, Mike Zimmer, Tammy Becker, guest of **Heather Wagner** and Libby Ogard, guest of **Drew Wilson**. Joining by Zoom were **Merle Anderson, Steve Suiter, Mitch Amhof, Steve Fahrenkrog** and **Tony Knobbe**. Fines collected by **Ross Paustian** were \$65.

Business and Personals:

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shared that grants increasing to \$7500, which we would need to match. There are opportunities for member to attend the leadership institute – contact Deanna if interested.

Tyler Bindrum announced Big for a Day that Rotarians can be involved in by having lunch with students on March 12th. Ed White from 11:05 – 12:30.

Paul Kalainoff reminded everyone that we are looking for homes for exchange students.

Sending cards to **Glen Keppy** and **Mike Thavenet**.

Pat Olsen said that the wetlands study for the park where The Venue will be build has been completed. Now the DNR will need to make some decisions.

John Maxwell shared the spots at John Glenn for reading are filled but anyone can be added if they like.

President Greg announced that our Guardian of Integrity award recipient for this year is **John Maxwell**.

Deanna Jensen Valliere recieved compliments on clean car, referred them to Aqua Tech.

Jordan Williams invited us to a Spaghetti Supper in LeClaire on April 26th. He promised no speed cameras.

Sarge Ross Paustian

Deanna for the car wash commercial, **Greg** because he asked if Ross knew he was the Sarge today, **Theresa** for the “pop-it” confusion, **Eric Langan** for not being on the golf course in good weather, **Deb Petersen** for Big D’s – what is it? (It’s her son’s donut truck) **Pat Olsen** for not being cordial to him, table of men for no women present, **John Maxwell** for his award and all elected officials except himself.

notes submitted by Becky Bray.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ross Paustian March 3
Brad Burt March
Joseph Stutting March 10
Sandy Pistole March 12
Charlie Jones March 16
Sheila Volrath March 18
Seth Porter March 27
Carrie Keppy March 29
Matt Maiers March 30

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mike Zimmer has attended the past 4 Rotary meetings and has been approved for membership by the Board of Directors and the Classification Committee. He is a retired education professional and a politician currently the Iowa State Senator from the 35th district, representing the Democratic party. Mike resides in DeWitt and will be sponsored by Rev. **Richard Pokora**. Seven days for comment.

ROTARY READS

Stephanie Eckhardt recently read to a 1st grade class.



FEBRUARY FRIENDLY FRIDAY



We had a GREAT group of North Scott Rotarians greeting Jr. High students last Friday! Thanks for showing up! Rotarians pictured are:

Stephanie Eckhardt, Jill Grunwald, Jen Kress, Katie White, Ryan Varner, Joe Stutting, Deb Petersen, Theresa White, Carrie Keppy, Dale Grunwald, Tracy Lindaman, Fred Mulch.

GUARDIAN OF INTEGRITY

The Guardian of Integrity award is named in honor of Boone Rotarian and Past District Governor, Judge Paul E. Hellwege (1912–2010). It was established to promote service, as well as the ideals of integrity, fairness and respect, which were Paul's fervent passions. The awards are presented annually to Rotarians who have made outstanding service contributions that exemplify these ideals in their personal and professional lives.



North Scott Rotary nominated John Maxwell for this year's Guardian of Integrity Award. John joined the club in 2000 and has had an outsized impact on our efforts ever since, including serving a term as Club President in Rotary year 2012-2013. He serves as the longtime chair of both the Corn Boil Committee, an annual gathering of Rotarians and their friends over sweet corn and pork chops, and the Literacy Committee, where he's responsible for organizing and actively participating in recurring "Rotary Reads" events at local elementary schools and the annual distribution of dictionaries to area fourth graders.

With regards to public service, John was elected to serve on the Board of the North Scott Community School District from 2011 through 2023. He has also served on the Scott County Board of Supervisors since 2019, and was voted by his peers to preside as Chairman of the Board in January 2025.

Through his family-run Cinnamon Ridge Dairy Farm John donates significant time and talent to various agricultural-related organizations, including North Scott FFA/Ag Boosters, Scott County Extension Council, and the American Jersey Cattle Association National Board. In all of these pursuits and many others unnamed, John has exemplified integrity and ethics. One wouldn't be elected or chosen to serve in these local, regional, and national organizations without doing so. He's a cherished member of the club and community, and would be a very worthy recipient of the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award.


Award nomination written by Greg Schaapveld.

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email
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“Big for a Day” Power Lunch Events



IT TAKES LITTLE TO BE BIG

 Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Celebrating 30 years of
People you can bank on.®

North Scott School District

Ed White – Wednesday, 3/12/25, 11:05AM-12:30PM

Neil Armstrong – Wednesday, 3/12/25 11:30AM-1:00PM

It takes Little to be Big in a child's eyes! What better way to send a message of support and encouragement than to visit them at school for a “Power Lunch”? Big Brothers Big Sisters is partnering with the North Scott School District to host a Power Lunch events at Logan Elementary on March 12th.

Send a strong message!

Big for a Day Power Lunch events provide you and your team the opportunity to send a strong message to area youth that the community supports and believes in their potential. Volunteers will learn about our area schools, meet great kids and gain a greater understanding of how they can support youth initiatives like Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A POWER lunch!

Following a brief welcome, you'll be introduced and paired with a student for the lunch/recess hour. Volunteers are provided lunch from Capriotti's courtesy of QCBT. A variety of icebreaker and fun activities will be available to get to know your student and have a great experience. The Power Lunch lasts a little over an hour and is in a group setting, with all volunteers and students in the same general area. Start and end times vary but are usually between 11AM and 1PM.

Make it a group thing!

Gather a group of employees/co-workers to participate! Wear your company shirts! Bring some swag for your student, build your team and connect with school and community partners and together make a difference!



Register Options: Any size group is welcome. Maximum is 15.

Option 1) Visit bbbsmv.org and select the Big for a Day button. Pick Logan Elementary option in the signup genius and register your group/individuals.

Option 2) Reserve your school and group by contacting BBBS. Provide names at least two days prior to event

For questions and to reserve your company, please contact: Jay Justin at jjustin@bbbs-mv.org **563.323.8006**