



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
 April 2nd, 2025

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**PROGRAM RECAP**

**Tammy Becker CEO of Green Current Solutions**

Drew Wilson provided an introduction for Tammy, whose company produces plastic reusable shipping pallets at their East Moline manufacturing facility. Beginning in 2002 Tammy spent several years participating in Mississippi and Ohio River cleanup efforts in conjunction with Living Lands and Waters, spending part of that time living on a houseboat. During this time, over 130,000 volunteers removed over 14 million tons of trash.

What to do with the trash? Plastic #1 by represents the greatest pollutant by volume, mostly in the form of 20 oz beverage bottles. This product typically is reused by recycling centers, thus the product becomes redirected to the landfill. Additionally, China stopped importing US scrap plastic, creating an abundance of available material.

43% of hardwood trees cut down each year in the US are consumed for manufacture of wooden pallets. One tree converts into 8 finished wood pallets. To combat this harvest, Million Tree Nursery in Davenport plants 125,000-175,000 oak trees annually.

The Green Current Solutions facility consists of a 100 square foot warehouse on 16 acres of property on the former McLaughlin site in East Moline. This facility grinds 3000 lbs of primarily HDPE #2 plastic (with some additional #5 polypropylene) per hour in preparation for use. The process utilizes a 3000 ton high pressure injection machine to produce the product. The plant is WBENC certified, a women-owned business. Although one manufacturer dominates the global market production, Green Current Solutions is the only plant in the world which utilizes this process to produce this product.

The increased cost of the product vs a similar wood product is largely offset by durability, providing 6-10 times more uses than similar wood pallet. Additionally, it doesn't produce splinters or nails and is weather/chemical resistant. 5,200 plastic pallets runs equivalent to 62,000 wood pallets, consuming 243,000 pounds of plastic which would otherwise consume landfill space, and avoids destruction of over 78,000 trees over 10 years.

*notes submitted by Drew Wilson.*

**UPCOMING PROGRAM**

Tours of the Scott County Youth Justice & Rehabilitation Center with Jeremy Kaiser

**CLUB SERVICE**

**GREETERS:**

Apr 4: Fred Mulch & Marty O'Boyle  
 Apr 11: Ken R & Mike Zimmer  
 Apr 18: Diane Cole & Jill Grunwald  
 Apr 25: Dick Cole & Leroy Paustian

**INSPIRATION:**

Apr 4: John Maxwell  
 Apr 11: Drew Wilson  
 Apr 18: Paul Holzworth  
 Apr 25: Stephanie Eckhardt

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:**

Apr 4: Patrick Olsen  
 Apr 11: Jim Smith  
 Apr 18: Eric Langan  
 Apr 25: Nathan Kessler

*assignments continued on next page*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Fri., April 4th:** Meeting at the Steeplegate, with tours available nearby from Jeremy Kaiser at the Scott County Youth Justice & Rehabilitation Center

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

**Fri, April 11th:** Chris Green Germany Travels

**Sat, April 12th:** Special Olympics at the North Scott Track

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

**Fri, April 18th:** Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf arranged by Scott Case

**Fri, April 25th:** 7:20 am Friendly Friday at NSJH

**Fri, April 25th:** Lancer Productions Nine to Five Spring North Scott Musical

**Fri, May 2nd:** Andrew Lehman, John Deere Classic arranged by Jen Kress

**Fri, May 9th:** Board Meeting

**Fri, May 9th:** Foreign Exchange Student speaking, arranged by Paul Kalianoff

**Fri, May 16th:** Youth Day, Scholarships awarded

**Fri, May 23rd:** No Meeting (due to Memorial Day)

**Fri, May 30th :** 7:20 am Friendly Friday at NSJH

**Fri, May 30th:** Rotary Foundation Day with Past District Governor Steve Dakin

**Fri, June 6th:** TBA

**Sun, June 8th** Strawberry Festival Parade

**Fri, June 13th:** Board Meeting

**Fri, June 13th:** Lt. Gov. Chris Cournoyer

**Sat, June 14th:** QC Heart Walk

**Fri June 20th:** TBA

**Fri June 27th:** Installation new President; Deanna Jensen-Valliere Details/Location to be determined

**Fri, July 4th:** No meeting (holiday)

**Sat, July 11th:** Eldridge Parade in the morning and Moonlight Chase water stop at night

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance March 28 was 51 members, 5 guests and 5 on Zoom. Guests were Tammy Becker, speaker, Ron May, pianist, Marie Pipes from East Polk Rotary, Josh Koerperich, guest of **Deanna Jensen-Valliere &** Addison Eckhardt, guest of **Stephanie Eckhardt**. Joining on Zoom were **Jody Johnston-Mohr, Don Sierk, Katie White, Samantha Culver** and **Steve Suiter**. **Patrick Olsen** collected \$32.70 in fines.

*Inspiration:* **Drew Wilson** reminds us "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

**John Maxwell** recapped dictionaries and shared longest word in the English language includes 1909 letters.

**Greg Schaapveld** announces open house at the Youth Rehab Center at 46th & Tremont in Davenport.

**Kelly Meyer** needs for volunteers for Special Olympics.

**Pat Olsen** thanked **Brad and Katie Burt** for sponsorship of the Davenport Police Lunch. **Jimmy Holt** agreed to sponsor April lunch. May date TBD, Pat aims for National Law Enforcement Week the week of 5/13.

**Tyler Bindrum** announces a fundraising opportunity for Big Brothers Big Sisters by ordering a plant. Also need donations of board games for middle school kids.

Sad news from **Becky Bray** who updated the club that Ron Keppy is in hospice in Texas and **Dick Cole** announced the passing of Wayne Yugenheimer.

**Stephanie Eckhardt** provided an update of **Sean** who is in recovery in a hotel in Naperville, IL and doing well.

**Deb Peterson** thanked Tom Messer for friendly friday pens & to **Ryan Johnson** for pop-sockets (hot-pockets??)

**Deanna Jensen-Valliere** announced the upcoming QC Chamber event 4/2 5pm at The Bend, East Moline  
*notes submitted by Drew Wilson.*

## CLUB SERVICE

### NEWSLETTER:

Apr 4: Becky Bray  
Apr 11: Danielle Hines  
Apr 18: Theresa White  
Apr 25: Sam Culver

### PIANO:

Apr 4: Teri Wittkowsky  
Apr 11: Tewanta Lopez  
Apr 18: Ron May  
Apr: 2: Marguerite Holzworth

### SONG LEADERS:

Apr 4: Jody Johnston-Mohr  
Apr 11: Jody Johnston-Mohr  
Apr 18: Paul Holzworth  
Apr 25: Kelly Meyer

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 9: Steven Fahrenkrog  
April 21: Mindy Leahy  
April 23: Linda Tubbs



## ROTARY READS

Tracey Lindaman and students had so much fun at Rotary Reads recently! Look at those silly faces!



## DAVENPORT DICTIONARIES

We had a great group of rotarians delivering dictionaries to Davenport elementary schools last week. Shout out to **John Maxwell**, **Theresa White**, **Gracie**, **Stephanie Eckhardt**, **Becky Bray**, **Tricia Kane** and **Paul Kalianoff** for their hard work on this project!



## SARGE SCHENANIGANS

Sergeant: **Pat Olsen**  
**Deanna Jensen-Valliere** for putting on her "Chamber hat" without use of an actual hat.  
**Tom Messer** for pens not being as cool as pop-sockets,  
**Marty O'Boyle** for mug ransom  
**Tony Knobbe** for being NARK000  
**Tracy Lindamna** for sitting/not sitting those wearing green for Michigan State University  
**Tyler Bindrum** for mic operations  
**John Maxwell** for receiving the "Master Farmer Award" - one of 101 in the State  
 Rich Golinghorst for leaving Ron Paustian.

## FRIENDLY FRIDAY RECAP



Shout out to this group for participating in Friendly Friday and to Tom Messer & First Central for the pens that we handed out last week!

## RSVP FOR TOUR

Current RSVPs for 4/4 Scott County Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center:

Ardita Grunwald	Michele Darland
Becky Bray	Mike Zimmer
Carrie Keppy	Mindy Leahy
Dale Grunwald	Pat Olsen
Danielle Hines	Paul Thronson
Deanna Jensen-Valliere	Paul Holzworth
Deb Peterson	Paul Kalainoff
Dick Cole	Rich Golinghorst
Greg Schaapveld	Rich Horst
Jack Schinckel	Rich Pokora
Jill Grunwald	Rily Grunwald
Jim Smith	Ross Paustian
Joe Stutting	Ryan Johnson
John Maxwell	Samantha Culver
Jordon Williams	Sara Somsky
Josh Koerperich	Scott Case
Kelly Meyer	Steve Powell
Leroy Paustian	Tony Knobbe
Marcia Brandt	Tricia Kane
Marty O'Boyle	Tyler Bindrum
Matt Russ	

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email Danielle Hines:  
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Club of North Scott



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*Example 1:* Your cumulative giving is \$500. Your gift of \$250 will be matched to achieve \$1,000 Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

*Example 2:* Your cumulative giving is \$1,200. Your gift of \$400 will be matched to achieve \$2,000 Paul Harris Fellow + 1. Etc.

Club exec secretary (**Deb**) can tell you your cumulative giving total. Give your checks to Deb on or before **May 2nd**.

Donors will be recognized at North Scott **Rotary's Rotary Foundation Day, May 30th**.

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The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

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\$1,000-1,999, PHF, original PHF pin  
\$2,000-2,999, PHF+1, one sapphire  
\$3,000-3,999, PHF+2, two sapphires  
\$4,000-4,999, PHF+3, three sapphires  
\$5,000-5,999, PHF+4, four sapphires  
\$6,000-6,999, PHF+5, five sapphires  
\$7,000-7,999, PHF+6, one ruby  
\$8,000-8,999, PHF+7, two rubies  
\$9,000-9,999, PHF+8, three rubies  
\$10,000-24,999, Major Donor level 1, one diamond  
\$25,000-49,999, Major Donor level 2, two diamonds  
\$50,000-99,999, Major Donor level 3, three diamonds  
\$100,000-249,999, Major Donor level 4, four diamonds  
\$250,000-499,999, Arch Klumph Society Trustees' Circle  
\$500,000-999,000, Arch Klumph Society Chair's Circle  
\$1,000,000+, Arch Klumph Society Foundation Circle

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## The Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus:

1. Maternal and Child Health.
2. Water and Sanitation.
3. Disease Prevention and Treatment.
4. Basic Education and Literacy.
5. Economic-Community Development.
6. Peace and Conflict Resolution.
7. Environment Protection.