



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
April 16th, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Chris Green History and Holocaust

We rearranged our normal schedule a bit and our speaker Chris Green gave her presentation in the beginning of our meeting. Scott Case introduced Chris by explaining he reached out asking her to speak after Tom Messer mentioned he heard the best presentation and we needed to have it at Rotary.

Chris Green is a retired North Scott teacher, who continues to substitute teach in the district. She has over 30 years of National History Day Program experience. She is also chairperson of the Holocaust Education Committee of the Quad Cities, which helps to bring Holocaust education to students, teachers, and the community. She shared that last year a bill was passed for Holocaust history to be taught in schools in Iowa. So she is advocating and helping get curriculum started. She shared it's important to teach about the Holocaust because if we know better, we can do better.

She then explained where some of her research led her. Chris was actually introduced to Holocaust survivor Eva Kor and the Children of Aushwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiment Survivors Museum by one of her students, Taylor Beitzel in 2008. The History Day theme was conflict and compromise so Taylor picked Dr. Mengele who focused on experiments with twins. As Taylor researched Dr. Mengele, she discovered Eva Kor, a Mengele Twin, public speaker, and forgiveness advocate.

In 2016 Chris Green was able to travel to Hungary and Romania with Eva. They visited Eva's childhood home in Port, Romania, as well as other sites. Chris also went on a trip with Eva's son this past January to the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Liberation of German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp Aushwitz- Birkenau. Chris sat in one of the Bikenau's barracks watching the ceremony on a giant screen. She was able to see and feel the emotion of the Holocaust survivors, even though most were speaking different languages.

Chris shared that even though 80 years ago these survivors endured the unimaginable in Aushwitz they are sitting here speaking of hope for the future, the importance of remembering the past, but also the extreme need for truthful acknowledgement and individual actions needed for this horror to never happen again. We, each and every one of us, have an obligation to recognize and speak out against hate, prejudice, antisemitism, and falsehoods whenever we see or hear them.

Her presentation was extremely insightful and eye opening. She plans to continue sharing it, her next planned talk is at the Bettendorf Library.

notes submitted by Danielle Hines

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Musical

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

Fri, May 9th: Rotary Foreign exchange student presentation, arranged by Paul Kalainoff

Fri, May 16th: Board Meeting

Fri, May 16th: Youth Day, Scholarships awarded

Thurs, May 22nd: Possible trip to Rotary Headquarters

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)

Fri, July 11th: TBA

Sat, July 12th: Eldridge Parade in the morning and Moonlight Chase water stop at night

Sat, July 18th: TBA

Thurs, July 24th: Cornboil at 5:30 p.m. at the Eichelberger Pavilion, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Apr 18: Diane Cole & Jill Grunwald
Apr 25: Dick Cole & Leroy Paustian

INSPIRATION:

Apr 18: Paul Holzworth
Apr 25: Stephanie Eckhardt

NEWSLETTER:

Apr 18: Theresa White
Apr 25: Sam Culver

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Apr 18: Eric Langan
Apr 25: Nathan Kessler

SONG LEADERS:

Apr 18: Paul Holzworth
Apr 25: Kelly Meyer

PIANO:

Apr 18: Ron May
Apr 2: Marguerite Holzworth

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on April 11 was 51 members, 6 guests and 3 joining on Zoom. Guests were Pat Connolly, sister of **Chris Connolly**, Josh Koerperich, guest of **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**, Maria Bribriesco, guest of **Richard Pokora**, Nancy Case, guest of **Scott Case**. Also attending were the speaker, Chris Green and Sasha Grunwald. Joining on Zoom were **Don Sierk**, **Mitch Amhof** and **Carrie Keppy**. **Jim Smith** collected \$12 in fines.

Inspiration:

Drew Wilson spoke about a tree in his front yard that he had to take out. After the stump was ground they noticed a blue flower that started growing in it's place. His wife told Drew she planted it 3 years ago and it just now started growing. He went inside to take a picture and when he returned the flower was gone. Drew reflected on this as a representation of the wonders of nature and how fleeting it can be.

John Maxwell mentioned Kim Reynolds will be our speaker on May 9th. Please sign up and mark if you will have a guest. We need an accurate count. (since then the Gov. did have to cancel so this is no longer accurate).

We then skipped our typical meeting portion for the speaker. **Jim "The Godfather" Smith** asked for the microphone and shared with the club that Chris Green's mom taught his wife, Mindy and her sister in school. Chris Green taught Mindy's kids. He spoke very highly of our speaker.

After our speaker we quickly finished the meeting with announcements:

Kelly Meyer needs volunteers for Special Olympics tomorrow.

Jan Touney if you know of student that is interested in RYLA reach out to Jan to learn more

Chris Connelly had a plug for the Foundation Match, if you need more info reach out to him or Deb Peterson.

Tyler Bindrum put out flyers for the Big Brothers Big Sisters plant sale and is still looking for board games we want to collect for them

Deanna Jensen Valliere and **Katie White** are planning on trip to Rotary Headquarters in Evanston, IL for May 22nd. Sign ups will be available next week.
notes submitted by Danielle Hines.

ROTARY READS

Fillmore Elementary is looking for volunteers to help students with their reading. You can work with the school to arrange a time. **Becky Bray** will be going to do this after Rotary on Fridays (since we're close to the school when we are at the Steeplegate). If you'd like to help you'll need to fill out an application for a background screening, but it is very easy to do.

To sign up for volunteering at Fillmore Elementary just follow the steps below.

Go to:

<https://www.davenportschools.org/community/volunteer/>

- Click on the box to become a volunteer
- Select Fillmore Elementary
- Fill out the application form

You should receive an email confirmation that your application is approved (check your spam folder). If it has been a few days please contact Lisa Black via email at blackl@davenportschools.org or 563 320-4916.

CONGRATS, GRAD!



Deanna Jensen-Valliere recently graduated from Rotary Leadership Institute. Deanna encouraged rotarians to look into the sessions even if you are not on the President track as it teaches you valuable leadership skills that can be used at work, within the community or even within your home. Next sessions available will be September.

The Four-Way Test
(of the things we Think, Say or Do)
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email Danielle Hines: DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com

GUARDIAN OF INTERGRITY

At the District 6000 convention John Maxwell accepted his Guardian of Integrity award. John also accepted Bill Tubbs's District-nominated Guardian of Integrity award.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our volunteers for Special Olympics!

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| Jill Grunwald | Jen Kress |
| Carrie Keppy | Bill Hoover |
| Linda Tubbs | Marty O'Boyle |
| Tracy Lindaman | Joe Stutting |
| Kelly Meyer | Heather Wagner |
| Kerri Hurning | Jordon Williams |

KIND OF A BIG DEAL

As mentioned last week, John Maxwell has had some pretty great media coverage, bringing attention to not only Cinnamon Ridge but also North Scott Rotary. You can see the full coverage at the links below:

[Click here for the Wall Street Journal Article](#)

[Click here for News Nation Video Segment](#)





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Rotary Foundation Matching Funds

North Scott Rotary has a proud tradition of support for programs of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. From now until **May 2**, your gift to advance to your next level of giving will be matched.

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**.

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.

Rotary Foundation Recognition Levels:

\$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

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International receives Charity Navigator's highest rating of 4-Stars annually for efficiency and transparency and is ranked in Charity Navigator's top 5 foundations in the world of more than 5,000 that are rated!

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.