



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
May 7, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Andrew Lehman, John Deere Classic

Deanna introduced the club to our speaker Andrew Lehman and spoke to how much JDC does for the tourism industry in the Quad Cities.

The JDC has received recognition as the most engaged community, best title sponsor integration, Tournament of the year, and volunteer of the year.

The event itself is put on thanks to a three party agreement to host the tournament between John Deere, the PGA Tour and John Deere Classic.

The PGA Tour goals at to provide member benefits through playing opportunities, to present events in a consistent and professional manner, raise money for charity and represent PGA Tour brand in a favorable light around the world. The mission is to positively impact the community, grow financial contributions to charities, promote volunteerism, provide a positive economic impact on the community and contribute to a more inclusive community and attract more diverse populations to the game of golf.

The John Deere Classic has a \$39 million direct economic and charitable impact to our community. Additionally there's a \$33.7 million indirect and induced economic impact estimate. In 2024 charity results included \$15.9 million raised through Birdies for Charity (which is the highest ever raised). These funds were distributed through 476 charitable organizations. Altogether, over \$189 million has been raised for hundreds of local and regional charities since 1971 and going strong.

With Birdies for Charity, the promise for all charities is a 5% match, usually a higher match through funds raised though. Besides individual donors there are other platforms like that Platinum Tee Club which ranges from \$750 to +\$10,000. All of it goes towards the match to charities.

It's more than just golf. The players attend "The Big Dig", which is a party held in Coal Valley for players and their families in which they enjoy a Midwestern BBQ. Wednesday is typically the Pro-Am. In 2023 Caitlin Clark golfed, in 2024 had AJ Dillion, and this year TJ Hoekensen and Rily Moss are committed. Trying to get Cooper Delean, too.

In 2023 the JDC started doing concerts, too. This year they have Dierks Bently on Saturday and Sunday is Zac Brown Band.

notes submitted by Danielle Hines



UPCOMING PROGRAM

Nicole Fernandes de Souza. She is from Minas Gerais, Brazil. She has been attending high school at City High in Iowa city. One of her host dads', Greg Probst will be attending also. Besides hosting Nicole, he is chairman of the Youth Exchange Committee for District 6000.

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, May 9th: Nicole Fernandes de Souza, Rotary Foreign exchange student presentation, arranged by Paul Kalainoff

Tues, May 13th: 11:30 am Davenport Police Luncheon

Thurs, May 15th: Road trip to Peoria for Solar Project

Fri, May 16th: Board Meeting

Fri, May 16th: Youth Day, Scholarships awarded

Thurs, May 22nd: Roadtrip 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

Fri June 20th: TBA

Thurs June 26th: Installation new President; Deanna Jensen-Valliere at Sheridan Meadows 5:30pm

Fri June 27th: No meeting

July 2nd - 6th: John Deere Classic. Contact Merle Andersen to volunteer

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

Fri, July 18th: TBA

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

Fri, July 25th: No meeting

Fri, August 1st: Hudson Strong Foundation with Jessica and Kyle McKearney

Fri, August 8th: TBA

Sat, Aug 9th: Rotary Night at the River Bandits

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 2 was 54 members and 5 guests. Guests were the speaker: Andrew Lehman, Sasha Grunwald, Maria Bribriesco, Dan Rasmussen and Kay Pence, all 3 guests of **Richard Pokora**. **Ross Paustian** was the sergeant and collected \$57.00.

Tony Knobbe gave inspiration reflecting on life and golf (in honor of our speaker today). "The most rewarding part of golf is the friends you make along the way."

Deb Petersen mentioned the Foundation Match. Reach out to her asap if you want to do that. Reminded us Youth Day is coming up and if you are bringing a guest please let her know so we can get a count for lunch.

Merle Andersen encouraged members to volunteer at the John Deere Classic. You'll need to register on the signups we have on the table and also need to sign up on the John Deere Classic website.

Pat Olsen shared Davenport police lunch May 13, sponsored by **Jeff Ashcraft** and Empowering Abilities. This will be during Officer Appreciation Week. Let Pat know if you want to volunteer. May 13th 11:30 Police Department Downtown Davenport.

Dick Cole updated us the Peoria Solar System road trip was rescheduled to May 15th.

Jan Touney shared one last community service project for Interact. The kids are collecting pasta items for the food shelter. Please bring canned pasta items to the meeting next week.

Drew Wilson shared Chordbusters are performing

Jeff Ashcraft shared he is a grandpa, again! His daughter had her baby this morning.

Pat Olsen is on the board of Empowering Abilities and their golf outing is Monday, June 2 @ 12:30 PM. Cost: \$250/Golfer or \$1000/Foursome. Can sign up on the Empowering Abilities website or reach out to Pat Olsen.

Ross Paustian was our Sarge. He immediately fined **Pat Olsen** just because. Was going to fine **Brad Burt** because he sat at the birthday table but Brad was already gone. Ross shared some sports trivia and fined all the tables except the one he sat at.

notes submitted by Danielle Hines

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?

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

May 9: Roger Amhof & Rily G
May 16: Scholarship Committee
May 30: Mike Zimmer & Josh K

INSPIRATION:

May 9: Scott Case
May 16: Stephanie Eckhardt
May 30: Dick Cole

NEWSLETTER:

May 9: Marcia Brandt
May 16: Theresa White
May 30: Drew Wilson

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

May 9: Brad Burt
May 16: Kelly Meyer
May 30: John Maxwell

SONG LEADERS:

May 9: John Maxwell
May 16: Jody Johnston-Mohr
May 30: Jeff Ashcraft

PIANO:

May 9: Tewanta Lopez
May 16: Ron May
May 30: Marguerite Holzworth

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Maria Bribiesco has been approved for membership and will be sponsored by Richard Pokora. She is serving her first term on the Scott County Board of Supervisors. She has a degree in Law from the University of Iowa and recently retired after 27+ years as a civilian attorney with the U.S. Army at the Rock Island Arsenal. Maria has served on a variety of boards including Riverboat Development Authority and Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation. Seven days for comment.

HELP THE INTERACT CLUB!

Oh, oh, Spaghetlios!

Please join the Interact Club in collecting canned pasta (Spaghetlios, Beefaroni, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Ravioli) for the North Scott Food Pantry. It's easy to help, **Jan Touney** will be collecting cans at our meeting on Friday, May 9.



These food items are especially needed during the summer, as families look for easy-to-fix items that kids who are home from school can make themselves for lunch.

Or make a donation, and she'll do the shopping for you! It's the final community service project for Interact this year. The students are collecting cans at the junior high.

The Interact Club has a combined goal of 100 cans, they are already up to 30! Let's help them out!

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

YOUTH DAY GUEST SIGN UP

As a yearly tradition, we will be honoring our Rotary Scholarship winners, and any other graduates that a member may wish to bring to the meeting. There will be a yellow sign-up sheet on both May 2 and May 9, so we can get a good number for the Steeplegate. Deadline will be Monday, May 12.

The scholarship committee has worked hard to make this day special and would like for the Rotarians to spread out among the tables and welcome the students and their parents! Thank you for your cooperation!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



A few North Scott Rotarians were spotted at a "Yes She Can" event in Muscatine recently. It was an inspiring and powerful event designed to amplify women's voices through storytelling.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD

It's that time of year, we're looking to replace outgoing board seats. If you are interested please reach out to current North Scott Rotary President Greg Schaapveld or incoming President Deanna Jensen Valliere.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Ken Rohwedder was volunteering at the Golf Fore Gilda's Golf event last week. What a great example of Service Above Self!

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)
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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