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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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PROGRAM RECAP

Nicole Fernand, Exchange Student

Greg Probst, Chair of International Exchange and part of RYLA, introduced Nicole Fernand de Souza from Brazil. During her presentation Nicole shared her exchange has given her the opportunity to grow as a person and become an Iowan of heart. She experienced many new things and has found out she likes running, bowling, basketball, soccer, tennis, mini golf, to in the snow and to ice skate.

Nicole is happy that she ended up in Iowa and learned many things about the Hawkeye State, most notably that Paul Harris received his law degree from the University of Iowa. Iowa City also houses the Natural History Museum which she went to and really enjoyed. She attends City High School.

Nicole participated in many sports. She shared that she ran cross country in the fall, she ran her first 5K in 39 minutes and improved to 27 minutes. She enjoyed the traditions. Bowling is where she met most of her friends. She also participated in basketball, and didn't score a single point during the season but thankful she had the opportunity to try it. Currently participating in tennis and is already improving and happy to have the opportunity to be with other girls she met in other sports. She explained that not everyone in Brazil plays soccer and she hadn't planned on participating. She discovered that she actually pretty good and again already knows a lot of the girls on the team. She went to homecoming with two friends from Cross Country and went to prom 5 days ago. Both were a great experience.

She had two host families – The Probst family and the Knapp's family. Both provided her with many opportunities and experiences. Initially she was really worried about not knowing anyone but her friends have made her exchange so memorable and really sad to soon be leaving them. She plans to keep in touch with them.

Best foods – rice krispy treats, Hy-Vee donuts, Crumble cookies, pretzel bites, zebra cakes and Oreo salad (the only salad she will eat). Places she went – Oklahoma in January with host mom and other exchange students, Florida for spring break, Chicago with some Rotarians. Great to see how different those 3 states are.

Nicole's future plans include one month left before she heads back to Brazil. She plans to study Biomedical Science and do a Master's Science in Genetics, become a ROTEX and help other exchange students to have the best exchange experience, come back to Iowa to attend Kirkwood Community College.

notes submitted by Marcia Brandt

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Our upcoming program is our annual Youth Day. The Scholarship Committee will award scholarships to local students while we celebrate their hard work and learn about their future plans.

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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?

JDC GOLF VOLUNTEERS

Please take time to check out the flier on the last page of this newsletter. Jen Kress put this together (isn't it pretty!) and it makes it SUPER simple to sign up to volunteer for the John Deere Classic!

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 9 was 52 members, 6 guests and 3 via Zoom. Guests were Rotarian Doug Peterson from Iowa QC club, Kay Pence and Maria Bribiesco, guests of Richard Pokora, Abby Ill, guest of Jordon Williams and junior visitors Shasha Grunwald and Mac Hines. Attending via Zoom were **Steve Suiter**, **Fred Mulch** and **Josh Koerperich**. Fines collected by sergeant **John Maxwell** were \$56.00. Also attending from Iowa City was Exchange student Nicole and her host father, Greg Probst.

Scott Case gave inspiration reflecting on Rotary.

Merle Andersen encouraged members to volunteer at the John Deere Classic. You'll need to register (check out the flyer on back page to register!)

Pat Olsen shared Davenport police lunch May 13, sponsored by **Jeff Ashcraft** and Empowering Abilities. This will be during Officer Appreciation Week.

Dick Cole updated us the Peoria Solar System road trip still scheduled for May 15th.

Jan Touney thanked those who brought canned pasta for the Interact Club. Reminded us that this is an easy meals for kids while they're home for the summer.

Tracy Lindaman shared Alan Shepherd has invited us to help on Friday May 16th at 9:30. The special education students are putting on a play, we will watch and then play board game after. No need to sign up but please show up if you can.

Danielle Hines announced the Strawberry Fest Parade is coming up on Sunday June 8th. **Tony Knobbe** will be there with his tractor and hayrack. We will need Rotarians to help pass out candy.

Mindy Leahy retired today! Congrats!!

Deanna Jensen Valliere: Happy mother's day this weekend. Also encouraged rotarians to go check out Big Brothers Big Sister plant sale.

Sean Eckhardt thanked rotarians for checking in on him during his treatment.

Tracy Lindaman encouraged rotarians to check out Regional Innovation Center open house.
notes submitted by Danielle Hines

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

May 16: Scholarship Committee
May 30: Mike Zimmer & Josh K

INSPIRATION:

May 16: Stephanie Eckhardt
May 30: Dick Cole

NEWSLETTER:

May 16: Theresa White
May 30: Drew Wilson

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

May 16: Kelly Meyer
May 30: John Maxwell

SONG LEADERS:

May 16: Jody Johnston-Mohr
May 30: Jeff Ashcraft

PIANO:

May 16: Ron May
May 30: Marguerite Holzworth

WAY TO GO, SEAN!

Sean Eckhardt was back at our weekly meeting last week after finishing his 6 weeks of proton therapy. We are so happy to have you back and thankful you are doing well!

Also, check out the bell he was able to ring! Labeled Northwestern Medical Proton Center "Believe. Service Above Self". What a great way to finish out his time at Northwestern!



SENATE DISTRICT 35

North Scott Rotarian Joe Stutting has filed candidacy paperwork to run for the Republican nomination for state Senate in District 35 in the next general election. The seat is currently held by North Scott Rotarian Mike Zimmer of DeWitt, who won the seat in a special election on Jan. 28. The seat was vacated by Republican Chris Cournoyer when she was appointed lieutenant governor in December.

Iowa's 35th Senate District covers all of Clinton, and part of Scott and Jackson counties. In Scott County, the district includes LeClaire, McCausland, Park View, Princeton, Allen's Grove Township and Winfield Township.

I think it's safe to say that with all of these politicians North Scott Rotary has great representation in Senate District 35.

TRADING ROTARY FLAGS

Nicole Fernand de Souza brought a flag from her home Rotary Club to trade with us. What a great memento to keep and add to our collection!

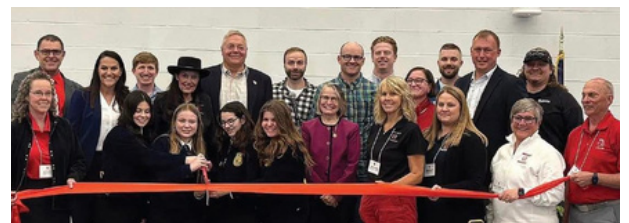


CHECK OUT THAT BLAZER

Nicole Fernand de Souza shared in her presentation that she has collected pins from her time here in the United States. Each one represents a memory or person.



REGIONAL INNOVATION CENTER



I spy not one, not two, but SIX North Scott Rotarians in the ribbon cutting photo of the Regional Innovation Center. What a great day!

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

Volunteer at the John Deere Classic with North Scott Rotary!

Join North Scott Rotary at Hole #16 working inside the ropes to locate and protect errant golf shots hit outside of the ropes in addition to assisting with crowd noise and traffic to ensure the safety of players and guests!

In addition to feeling good about donating your time and efforts to one of the Quad Cities' biggest events of the year, volunteers also receive a number of perks!

- John Deere Classic Clear Stadium Bag
- FREE access to tournament grounds (Wed – Sun) using Volunteer badge
- FREE access to Concerts on the Course (Sat & Sun)
- FREE lunch during the day you work at the tournament
- FREE Parking and Shuttle service
- Invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Party
- Volunteers eligible for prizes drawn randomly all week of tournament
- One volunteer who registers BEFORE May 26th will be chosen to win a grill, courtesy of Grand Appliance!

Scan Here to Register!



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