



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
 May 28, 2025

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**PROGRAM RECAP**

**Youth Day Scholarships Presented**

*We had an amazing Youth Day Celebration.*

North Scott Rotary awarded 10 local students scholarships to pursue their future education endeavors. Scholarships totaled \$16,000. In addition to this Linda Tubbs was in attendance to award two Scott Community College Nursing students awards for the Bill and Linda Tubbs Scholarship.

Our academic scholarship recipients were:

- Katelyn Buckley: Oral Roberts University
- Sydney Groene: Iowa State University
- Ava Haase: Iowa State University
- Annabelle Ruth: University of Iowa
- Mason Schaack: St. Ambrose University

Collin Meinert received the Dorothy White Memorial Scholarship. He will be attending University of Northern Iowa.

Angelique Graham, Adria Twigg and Cole Stratman were awarded our trades scholarships. All three will be attending Eastern Iowa Community College.

Mya Bryce was awarded the Warren Hodge Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending Eastern Iowa Community College.

Linda Tubbs presented the Bill and Linda Tubbs Scholarships for Non-traditional students at Scott Community College. Dorcas Ahdo from Ghana was awarded \$1000 to continue her studies in pre nursing. Amna Odola from Sudan was also awarded \$1000 to continue her studies in Radiology.

*notes submitted by Danielle Hines*



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



**UPCOMING PROGRAM**

Rotary Foundation Day with Past District Governor Steve Dakin

**Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :**

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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**: Jason Gordon Client Development Manager for Terracon  
**Thurs June 26<sup>th</sup>**: Installation new President; Deanna Jensen-Valliere at Sheridan Meadows 5:30pm  
**Fri June 27th**: No meeting  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**: John Deere Classic. Contact Merle Andersen to volunteer  
**Fri, July 4th**: No meeting (holiday)  
**Fri, July 11<sup>th</sup>**: TBA  
**Sat, July 12th**: Eldridge Parade in the morning and Moonlight Chase water stop at night  
**Fri, July 18<sup>th</sup>**: TBA  
**Thurs, July 24<sup>th</sup>**: Cornboil at 5:30 p.m. at the Eichelberger Pavilion, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport  
**Fri, July 25<sup>th</sup>**: No meeting  
**Fri, August 1<sup>st</sup>**: Hudson Strong Foundation with Jessica and Kyle McKearney  
**Fri, August 8<sup>th</sup>**: TBA  
**Sat, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**: Rotary Night at the River Bandits

## CLUB SERVICE

### GREETERS:

May 30: Mike Zimmer & Josh K  
June 6: Sean Eckhardt & Dale Grunwald  
June 13: Pat Olsen & Leroy Paustian  
June 20: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terry Kishiue

### NEWSLETTER:

May 30: Drew Wilson  
June 6: Sam Culver  
June 13: Bill Hoover  
June 20: Becky Bray

### SONG LEADERS:

May 30: Jeff Ashcraft  
June 6: Paul Holzworth  
June 13: Kelly Meyer  
June 20: Drew Wilson

### INSPIRATION:

May 30: Dick Cole  
June 6: Theresa White  
June 13: Deanna Jensen-Valliere  
June 20: Dick Cole

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

May 30: John Maxwell  
June 6: Pat Olsen  
June 13: Sean Eckhardt  
June 20: Jim Smith

### PIANO:

May 30: Marguerite Holzworth  
June 6: Teri Wittkowski  
June 13: Tewanta Lopez  
June 20: Marguerite Holzworth

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 16 was 55 members and 30 guests. Guests were Duncan Cameron, Naples, FL Rotarian, Dan Rasmussen and Kay Pence, guests of **Richard Pokora**, Ron May, Gage Wagner, Owen Schaapveld, Mallory, and Sasha Grunwald. Also attending were 5 scholarship winners from North Scott High School and their parents, 2 RYLA students and 3 ladies representing Scott Community College. Fines collected by **Kelly Meyer** were \$69.00

**Stephanie Eckhardt** gave inspiration quoting Dr. Suess aimed towards graduates joining us at the meeting.

**Maria Bribriescio** was inducted into the club by **Tracy Lindaman**. Her sponsor was **Rich Pokora**.

**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!)

**Jeff Ashcraft** shared Davenport police luncheon was a success.

**Dick Cole** said he'd update us more on Peoria Solar System road trip but it went well!

**Theresa White** reminded us the last friendly Friday is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Jr. High.

**Paul Kalianoff** encouraged Rotarians to think of volunteering for RYLA. It's the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Danielle Hines** announced the Strawberry Fest Parade is coming up on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. **Tony Knobbe** will be there with his tractor and hayrack. We will need Rotarians to help pass out candy. Meet at 10:45 parade at 11:15.

**Jack Schinckel** mentioned Germanm American Heritage Center is having event May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Stephanie Eckhardt** updated club on the Girls Golf team doing well!

**Kelly Meyer** was our sarge. She charged members who did not go to the police luncheon a dollar. Fined **Danielle Hines** a penny (since her son swallowed a penny). **Merle** was fined for referring to JDC gallery managment as "militia". **Jack and Stephanie** were fined a dollar for sharing during business and personals. *notes submitted by Theresa White*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER, MARIA!



**Maria Bribriesco** was inducted into North Scott Rotary on Friday, May 16, 2025. Originally from Texas, Maria never left Iowa after she graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law. She recently retired after 27 years as a civilian attorney with the U.S. Army at the Rock Island Arsenal. Maria is active in the community, formerly serving as a volunteer coach for her three son's soccer and baseball teams. Most recently she coached soccer and T-ball for a grandson's team. She stays active in pickleball and Zumba and is a former Master Gardener. She currently is a member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors. Please take time to welcome Maria to Rotary!

## REMEMBRANCE



As many of you have already heard, Dwayne "Mike" Thavenet, 65, of Eldridge, Iowa passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 12, 2025. Mike was born on October 3, 1959 in Hastings, Nebraska to parents Fritz and Carol (Sorensen) Thavenet. He married his beautiful wife, Teri (Brower) on May 2, 1981. They formed a wonderful life together, making memories with their three children, countless pets and amazing friends.

Known for his unwavering kindness and generous spirit, he lived a life centered on helping others and making a difference. He was an active member of Rotary and enjoyed participating in the beloved community event, Bix7, every year. Mike helped start the youth wrestling program within the North Scott community, leaving a lasting impact on countless kids.

He will be missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## NS ROTARY TAKES A SOLAR TRIP

A group of North Scott Rotarians made a quick road trip to Peoria, IL to learn more about a potential upcoming project. Rotarians in attendance include: Theresa White, Jordan Williams, Carrie Keppy, Rily Grunwald, Tracy Lindaman, Dick and Shirley Cole.



Dick Cole runs a tight ship. He kept this crew on a rope so that no rotarian was left behind.

## TALLER THAN A 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADER?

Who's taller than a 6<sup>th</sup> grader? Not Kelly Meyer. Greg Schappveld's son was at our last meeting and was a good sport when it was asked who was taller.



## TOO MUCH FUN, IT'S EXHAUSTING

After visiting the club a few weeks ago Mac Hines fell asleep promptly after we drove away. I guess there is such a thing as too much fun! Thanks to the club for wearing him out!



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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# Membership Status and Dues Policy (Board adopted 4/11/25)

## Full Membership Status

Default status for all members. The member pays all dues, the Paul Harris Sustaining Member assessment, and the \$100 annual Gala assessment. In turn, the member enjoys all benefits of being a member of the club including meals at all regular meetings at no additional cost. The member is required to maintain 60% attendance as defined in the Club's Constitution, unless granted a leave of absence by the Board in accordance with the Club's By-Laws.

**\$225/quarter** (\$200 quarterly dues + \$25 quarterly Paul Harris) **plus \$100 annual Gala assessment**

## Attendance Excused Status

A member with at least five years in the club may request the Board grant this status for a period of up to six months if they are or expect to soon be experiencing an extended illness, leaving the area for the winter, or leaving the Country for an extended duration. If this status is granted the member will pay reduced dues, the Paul Harris Sustaining Member assessment, and the annual Gala assessment (if assessed while the member is under this status). If the member attends a meeting while under this status they must pay the guest meal cost. If the member desires an extension of this status, a request to the Board must be made at least 30 days prior to status expiration. The member is not required to maintain attendance while under this status.

**\$125/quarter** (\$100 quarterly dues + \$25 quarterly Paul Harris) **plus \$100 annual Gala assessment, plus \$20/meal when attending regular meeting**

## Attendance Exempt Status

A member with at least five years in the club may request the Board grant this status indefinitely after reaching retirement status, defined as being over the age of 65 and no longer working full-time. If this status is granted, the member will pay reduced dues, the Paul Harris Sustaining Member assessment, and the annual Gala assessment. If the member attends a meeting while under this status they must pay the guest meal cost. The member is not required to maintain attendance while under this status.

**\$125/quarter** (\$100 quarterly dues + \$25 quarterly Paul Harris) **plus \$100 annual Gala assessment, plus \$20/meal when attending regular meeting**

## Career Transition Status

When a member experiences an unexpected job loss they may request the Board grant this status for a period of up to three months. If the status is granted the member will not be required to pay dues,

## 4/9/2025

Paul Harris Sustaining Member assessment, or the annual Gala assessment (if the Gala assessment is assessed while the member is covered under this status). If the member attends a meeting while under this status they must pay \$10 per meal. If the member desires an extension of this status a request to the Board must be made at least 30 days prior to status expiration. An extension of up to three additional months may be granted by the Board, one time, for a maximum of six months of consecutive career transition status. The member will be returned to Full Membership Status upon the expiration of this status or immediately upon returning to full-time employment. The member is not required to maintain attendance while under this status.

**\$10/meal when attending regular meeting**

**The above policy was adopted by the board on 4/11/25.  
For any questions please see Greg Schaapveld or Deb Petersen.**

## **Political Activity Policy** (Board adopted 5/16/2025)

### **Bringing a local elected official or candidate as a guest**

- Notify the Club President at least 2 hours before the meeting start
- Message limited to:
  - o 30 seconds maximum
  - o During “Minute for Business and Personal”
  - o Spoken from their table
- Hand-outs, petitions, requests, etc. only allowed before or after meeting, outside of meeting room, not in a manner implying required interaction

### **Bringing a statewide or nationally elected official or candidate as a guest**

- Notify the Club President at least 2 hours before the meeting start
- Message limited to:
  - o 3 minutes maximum
  - o During “Announcements” or “Minute for Business and Personal”
  - o Spoken from podium or their table
  - o Should be relevant to club, non-political, and not campaigning, but can be related to pertinent issues of the office
  - o No questions from the membership
- Hand-outs, petitions, requests, etc. only allowed before or after meeting, outside of meeting room, not in a manner implying required interaction

### **Inviting elected official/candidate as Program Speaker**

- Requires Program Committee Chair or Club President approval prior to the invitation • Message should be relevant to club, non-political, and not campaigning, but can be related to pertinent issues of the office
  - o Exception: Political campaign speeches require approval of Club Board
- Hand-outs, petitions, requests, etc. only allowed before or after meeting, outside of meeting room, not in a manner implying required interaction

### **Club Member or Fellow Rotarian running for office/re-election**

- Requires Club President approval to speak about campaign during a meeting
- Hand-outs, petitions, requests, etc. only allowed before or after meeting, outside of meeting room, not in a manner implying required interaction

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