



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
June 5, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Rotary Foundation Day with Past District Governor Steve Dakin

In honor of Rotary Foundation Day, Chris Connolly highlights club participation in the Paul Harris Foundation Program. This Program encourages giving at several levels, and Chris encourages ongoing giving in order to reach the goals set forth in the Program. Chris announces our speaker - Steve Dakin, Rotary District 6000 Governor.

Steve opens with attention on the RYLA Program - "We Need Ya". Steve's legacy in the Rotary organization stems back through his family, who over the years have provided both the bell and the gavel used in Rotary International meetings. "Our Foundation" cites four compelling reasons to give: 1) Organizational accountability of funds collected and dispersed, 2) Community impact of funds distributed, 3) The organization's record of success, 4) Global Reach providing resources all over the world.

Rotary continues to expand globally, attracting 200,000 new members each year. Resource allocation currently divides into three buckets, including Polio Plus, Annual Fund for immediate project spend and Endowment Fund. An example of recent success includes an immunization program in Gaza. A "cease fire" halted military activity for four hours, allowing 400,000 children to be immunized for polio in that timeframe.

Annual Fund giving includes a mindset of EREY - Every Rotarian Every Year, with a goal of 100% participation. Endowment Fund success has risen from an initial \$25,000 to in 25 years giving away \$27,000 per year. Projects include those in the Philippines, Navajo Reservation and across Iowa and the world. Steve encourages ongoing support to the Polio Plus Society Club.

Chris in his professional role as a financial fiduciary, combines his 33 years of Rotary membership with his desire to maximize giving in a manner that avoids taxation. Those whose investments mandate a Required Minimum Distribution are encouraged to consult their financial advisor and set this distribution up as an automatic donation that allows for tax-free giving. Our Club currently boasts only two Paul Harris Society members, defined as giving at a level of \$1,000 per year. Chris encourages members to expand their giving, with the direction of "RMD" funds as an ideal vehicle for this type of giving.

To conclude, several members are fortunate to receive a Paul Harris award pin, including Ken Rohewedder, Ross Paustian, Don Sireck, and Katie White. The honor for the Paul Harris "Rotarian at Heart" goes to Crista Ashcraft.

meeting notes submitted by Drew Wilson

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Ragan Baker with United for Schools

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, June 6th: Ragan Baker with United for Schools
Sun, June 8th Strawberry Festival Parade line up at 10:45 near Long Grove softball fields, parade starts at 11:15
Fri, June 13th: Board Meeting
Fri, June 13th: Lt. Gov. Chris Cournoyer
Fri June 20th: Jason Gordon Client Development Manager for Terracon
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
Sun, July 27 – August 1: RYLA held at Grinnell College. See Paul Kalainoff if you can volunteer.
Fri, August 1st: Hudson Strong Foundation with Jessica and Kyle McKearney
Fri, August 8th: TBA
Sat, Aug 9th: Rotary Night at the River Bandits

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

June 6: Sean Eckhardt & Dale Grunwald
June 13: Pat Olsen & Leroy Paustian
June 20: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terry Kishiue

NEWSLETTER:

June 6: Sam Culver
June 13: Bill Hoover
June 20: Becky Bray

SONG LEADERS:

June 6: Paul Holzworth
June 13: Kelly Meyer
June 20: Drew Wilson

INSPIRATION:

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

June 6: Pat Olsen
June 13: Sean Eckhardt
June 20: Jim Smith

PIANO:

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

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 30 was 59 members and 9 guests. Visiting Rotarians were: PDG Steve Dakin, Rotary Club of Boone, Sandy Yoder, Rotary Club of Bettendorf and Jeff Hamstra, Rotary Club of Catalina, Tucson, AZ. Other guests were Crista Ashcraft & Skylar, Addison Eckhardt, Kay Pence, Marguerite Holzworth & Sasha Grunwald. Joining on Zoom were Samantha Culver & Steve Suiter. Fines collected by John Maxwell were \$36.00.

Dick Cole reflects on God-made vs man-made wonders, urging us to close our eyes and imagine sight and sound, tides, full moon, sunset, sunrise and clouds, the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls, versus the Great Wall, the Taj Mahal, etc. Open your eyes and look at your fellow Rotarians, and recognize them as the Wonders of the World that they are.

Amy Thompson is the recipient of her Blue Badge!

Greg Schaapveld encourages members to review changes in club policies.

Danielle Hines announces the Strawberry Fest parade on 6/8. Line up at 10:45 at softball fields in Long Grove

Deanna Jensen-Valliere introduces new Board members, approved by a club vote.

"Phenomenal" Deb Peterson implores club members to complete their Committee Interest Sign-up sheet

Kim Wilkins encourages volunteers to provide lunch "sacks" in the community.

Katie White announces the **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** Presidential induction party 6/26 at Sheridan Meadows.

Jack Schinckel provides an update on Germany program.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere recently represented the club at Rotary Headquarters in Evanston, IL, touting her acquaintance with her new friends from Ecuador.

Drew Wilson provides an update on daughter Leah's Colorado summer internship, including changing her own flat tire alongside I-80 in Nebraska.

Deb Peterson announces her granddaughter's graduation from ISU and acceptance of a teaching position in Ankeny.

notes submitted by Drew Wilson

TRIP TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HQ

A group of North Scott Rotarians made a quick road trip to Evanston, IL to check out the Rotary International Headquarters. Rotarians in attendance include: Theresa White, Danielle Hines, Deanna Jensen Valliere, Katie White, Deb Petersen, Marcia Brandt, Paul Thronson, Ryan Johnson, Becky Bray, Stephanie Eckhardt and Sara Somsky.



The group paused our tour of Rotary International Headquarters for a photo opportunity in front of the wall of flags. Each flag represents a country Rotary is in. We also sat in the Board Room, too!



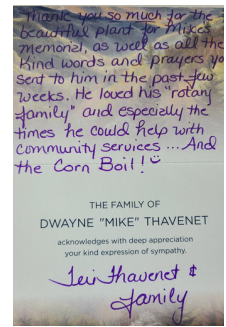
Pictured above is the group outside of One Rotary Center. Next is a flag to add to the collection. We were also able to see Bill and Linda Tubbs' photo in the Arch Klumph Society and watch a video of their induction into the Arch Klumph Society. Lastly, the Rotary bell.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kerri Hurning June 4th
 Jody Johnston-Mohr June 9th
 Drew Wilson June 10th
 Paul Thronson June 11th
 Pat DeLuca June 13th
 Bob Bainter June 15th
 Tony Knobbe June 16th
 Jeff Helms 19th
 Dale Grunwald 23rd
 Katie White 29th
 Marcia Brandt 30th

CORRESPONDENCE

The Thavenet family sent a letter expressing their appreciation for our support and sympathy. They mentioned how much Mike loved the corn boil!



ROTARY AT HEART

Jeff Ashcraft had very nice things to say about how his wife Crista support North Scott Rotary and is truly a Rotarian at heart. For that he awarded her a Paul Harris Fellow.



CONGRATS ON BLUE BADGE!

Congrats to Amy Thompson on earning her blue badge! Thank you for being an active part of North Scott Rotary Club!



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!

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JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

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

**The above policy was adopted by the board on 5/16/25.
For any questions please see Greg Schaapveld.**

Please help President Deanna organize committees for her year. Check below and bring to Rotary or return to Deanna Jensen-Valliere or Deb Peterson by mail PO Box 52, Eldridge, IA 52748 or jewelsdujour@me.com. Please mark "C" if you would be willing to chair a committee.

CLASSIFICATION____

Objective: To ensure that prospective members meet the standards of Rotary and are assigned a classification.

CLUB FINANCE____

Objective: To review anticipated income and expenses and prepare a budget for board approval.

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT____

Objective: To screen, evaluate and make recommendations for one community impact grant to be gifted annually.

COMMUNITY NEEDS____

Objective: To evaluate requests and make recommendations regarding charitable donations on the community level.

CORN BOIL____

Objective: To take charge of arrangements, locations, food and entertainment for our annual Corn Boil.

ENDOWMENT GROWTH____

Objective: Develop a short-term and long-term strategy for growing the North Scott Rotary Endowment Fund to a level that will self-sustain our annual charitable giving needs.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION____

Objective: To review anticipated income and expenses of Educational Foundation funds for maximum safety and return; make a recommendation on scholarship amounts according to interest.

ENVIRONMENTAL____

Objective: To provide leadership on beautification projects, including Eldridge flower beds, Xtream Cleanup, and others.

GOLF OUTING____

Objective: To plan our Annual Fall Golf Outing

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE____

Objective: To show members how to become involved with Rotary beyond the club, examples: Imbabazi Centre for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda; Global Grants, Rotary Scholars, District 6000 projects in Xicotepec, Mexico, and Iowa Miles of Smiles Team in Guatemala.

LITERACY____

Objective: To work with local schools to arrange Rotarians to read to elementary students; to distribute Student Dictionaries to classrooms and explore other ways to promote and support literacy.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT____

Objective: To develop and execute strategies to involve the membership in actively inviting new members and retaining members, with focus on diversity of underrepresented groups and to promote active inclusivity within our club culture.

PAST PRESIDENTS____

Objective: To provide counsel to club leadership; lead orientation for new members; and select the recipient of the "William F. Tubbs Honor Rotarian Award".

PROGRAM AND VOCATION TALKS____

Objective: To arrange interesting and timely speakers for club meetings, including Vocational Talks by members.

PUBLIC IMAGE____

Objective: To create a positive public image for Rotary, including news media, participating in parades, etc.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AUCTION____

Objective: To plan and execute the annual club dinner and auction fundraiser.

ROTARY FOUNDATION____

Objective: Develop strategies to promote Every Rotarian Every Year giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, including Paul Harris Society, Peace Centers, PolioPlus, Benefactors and Bequest Society.

SCHOLARSHIPS____

Objective: To make recommendations to the board for scholarship recipients.

SCHOOL SHOP____

Objective: To work with social workers and school officials to provide useful items to students with special needs.

SOCIAL EVENT PLANNING____

Objective: To plan activities that enhance fellowship and relations to club members; including holiday gatherings.

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE____

Objective: To update the club social media accounts and website creating a professional and active media presence.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS____

Objective: To organize club support for Special Olympics games.

YOUTH EXCHANGE____

Objective: To promote involvement with the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Outbound and Inbound, including procuring and working with host families.

YOUTH HARVEST PARTY____

Objective: To work with area Rotary clubs to provide underprivileged children an outing to a pumpkin patch, or other location, in the fall.

YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS____

Objective: To plan a spring club meeting to recognize Youth; to coordinate attendance of Junior Rotarians at club meetings; to identify students for District 6000 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA); and promote and support Interact at North Scott.

WEEKLY MEETINGS____

GREETERS____

Objective: To arrange for greeters at each club function.

REFLECTION____

Objective: To arrange for an inspirational (non-secular) message at club meetings, respecting the diversity of Rotary membership and promoting inclusivity and offering a moment of unity.

MUSIC____

Objective: To arrange for pianists and song leaders at club meetings.

SERGEANT AT ARMS____

Objective: You know the objective. If you don't, "That'll be a dollar!"

SET-UP____

Objective: To set up and tear down the room for meetings.

TECHNOLOGY____

Objective: To set up the Zoom option and other tech needs during meetings; Also to research and provide solutions for improving our virtual connection with members and speakers.