



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
June 11, 2025

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**PROGRAM RECAP**

**Ragan Baker, United for Schools**

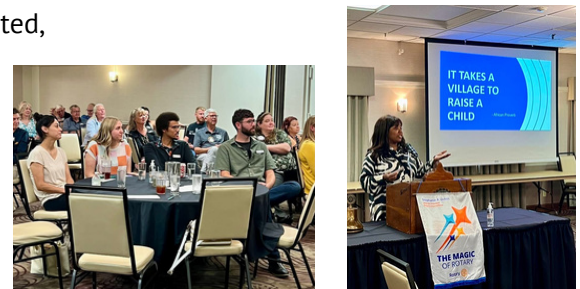
Ragan Baker, Student Success Director for United for Schools, delivered a powerful presentation rooted in the African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Ragan leads a team of five site coordinators working in five Title 1 schools across Scott and Rock Island counties, where 78% of public schools qualify for Title 1 due to high percentages of low-income students.

United for Schools goes beyond academics, addressing barriers that impact attendance, behavior, and course performance. Programs like Books & Barbers and Vision to Learn are just a few of the creative initiatives they’ve launched. One standout story involved a family unable to get their child to school due to balding tires—prompting the creation of a school-based automotive initiative to help families with transportation needs.

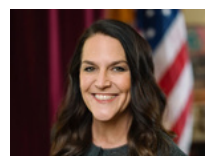
The statistics Ragan shared were eye-opening: chronic absenteeism at United for Schools sites is 38%, compared to just 9% at non-Title 1 schools. Suspension rates are five times higher, and English Language Arts proficiency is significantly lower. Yet, progress is being made—one school reduced chronic absenteeism from 37% to 17% in just one year.

Ragan issued a heartfelt call to action: Rotarians can support this work by joining a coalition team, volunteering with Read United, or offering their time in other ways. Site coordinators also shared uplifting wins, from glow parties to free little libraries. To get involved, members can contact Ragan at rbaker@unitedwayqc.org.

*meeting notes submitted by Sam Culver*



**UPCOMING PROGRAM**



**Lt. Gov. Chris Cournoyer**

Chris Gearhart Cournoyer is the 48th Lieutenant Governor of Iowa. Before being appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds in December of 2024, she represented Clinton, Jackson, and Scott counties in the Iowa State Senate. First elected in 2018, she chaired the inaugural Technology committee, from which position she wrote and managed the legislation that made Iowa the sixth state in the nation to protect consumer data in law.

Lieutenant Governor Cournoyer is a former reserve Sheriff’s Deputy in Scott County, an avid local volunteer, a proud mother of four, and a fellow North Scott Rotarian.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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  
**Sun, July 27 – August 1:** RYLA held at Grinnell College. See Paul Kalainoff if you can volunteer.  
**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:

June 13: Pat Olsen & Leroy Paustian  
June 20: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terrye Kishiue

### INSPIRATION:

June 13: Deanna Jensen-Valliere  
June 20: Dick Cole

### NEWSLETTER:

June 13: Bill Hoover  
June 20: Becky Bray

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

June 13: Sean Eckhardt  
June 20: Jim Smith

### SONG LEADERS:

June 13: Kelly Meyer  
June 20: Drew Wilson

### PIANO:

June 13: Tewanta Lopez  
June 20: Marguerite Holzworth

### *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?

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance on June 6 was 56 members and 8 guests. Guests were Frank Mitvalsky, Rotary Club of Bettendorf and Amanda Powell, daughter of **Steve Powell** visiting from Michigan. Additional guests were Sasha Grunwald and the speaker Ragan Baker and 4 of her school team leaders. Joining on Zoom were **Tricia Kane** and **Matt Russ**. **Patrick Olsen** collected \$22 in fines.

**Theresa White** gave a reflection on the recent trip to Rotary International HQ in Evanston, IL. The President had a list in of 10 reasons to join Rotary, which Theresa shared. Theresa also shared some Fellowship groups.

**Kay Pence**, sponsored by **Rich Pokora**, was officially inducted into the club. Welcome, Kay!

**Danielle Hines** reminded the club that the Strawberry Fest Parade will be held this Sunday in Long Grove. Meet at the softball fields at 10:45 am.

**Katie White** announced that Deanna's presidential installation will be held on Thurs, June 26th at 5:30 pm at Sheridan Meadows. Please sign up in advance. Also please provide your committee interest forms to Deanna as soon as possible.

**Carrie Keppy** and **Kim Wilkins** asked for volunteers to help prepare and deliver lunches with the Feed Our Children initiative in North Scott.

**Merle Anderson** shared volunteers are needed on July 4th for the JDC. June 10th is the last day to sign up. Merle also mentioned that there will be upcoming informational meetings for the trip to Africa.

**Frank Mitvalsky** from Bettendorf Rotary shared Lobster Fest will be held Friday, June 13, at the Waterfront Convention Center, starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available to purchase until Wednesday, June 11.

**Pat Olsen** asked for volunteers at the Challenger Little League event Miracle Field on Sat, June 7 at 8:30 am.

**Sean Eckhardt** invited veterans to a monthly breakfast held at Cornerstone Baptist Church on Sat, June 7. Sean also shared that Addison received a full ride scholarship to play golf at Indian Hills College in Ottumwa!

**Fred Mulch** shared that he will be providing rabies vaccinations (to animals!) at an event soon.  
*notes submitted by Sam Culver*

## STRAWBERRY FEST FUN

We had a fantastic group at the Strawberry Fest parade! Thank you to all the Rotarians who showed up! In attendance:

Tony Knobbe, Katie White, Randy White (and their whole group), Ryan Johnson, Deanna Jensen Valliere, Stephanie Eckhardt, Deb Petersen, Danielle Hines, Jake Hines, Mac & Harrison Hines, Paul Kalianoff and his wife, Dick Cole, Marty O'Boyle, Heather Wagner, Paul Thornton, Theresa White, Kelly Meyer, Maria Bribriesco.

Sorry if I missed you! But THANK YOU to everybody who pitched in to make this a great event!



Again, thank you to all who helped with the parade. Mark your calendars, we have the Eldridge Festival parade coming up on Saturday July 12th!

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Welcome, Kay! Kay is North Scott Rotary's newest member, joining last Friday. She is a retired Union Representative with years of negotiation experience bringing people together. She and her husband, Michael live in rural Eldridge and have 3 adult sons. Kay is a board member with Partners of Scott County Watersheds and Chair of the Scott County Democratic Party. Please welcome Kay to North Scott Rotary.

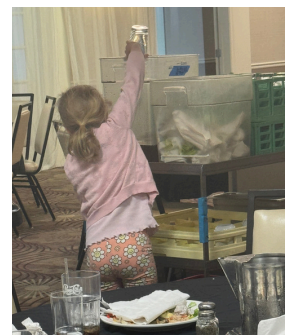
## FUN FRIDAY



This awesome group had a fun time handing out sun glasses at the Jr High on the last Friday of May. Thanks to Jill Grunwald, Fred Mulch, Deb Petersen, Carrie Keppy, Stephanie Eckhardt, Sean Eckhardt, Addison Eckhardt and Tracy Lindaman for helping students start their day on a positive note!

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Sasha Grunwald is often one of the last to leave the meeting because she's busy helping clean up. What a great example of Service Above Self! Way to go Sasha!



## OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Daniel A. Whalen (*).....1973-74	Jeffrey Helms .....2016-17
C. John Pfeiffer (*) .....1974-75	Dennis W. Peterson (*) .....2017-18
Kenneth J. Mundt (*) .....1975-76	Jeffrey Ashcraft .....2018-19
Roger D. Burt .....1976-77	Jeremy Kaiser .....2019-20
G. Eugene Kimble (*) .....1977-78	Bradley Burt, D.C. ....2020-21
David A. Stephens (*) .....1978-79	Patrick Olsen .....2021-22
Richard A. Froeschle (*) .....1979-80	Josie Cochuyt .....2022-23
James E. Campbell .....1980-81	Tracy Lindaman .....2023-24
Rev. Ronald Jespersen (*) .....1981-82	Greg Schaapveld .....Current
Walter Fahrenkrog (*) .....1982-83	
Roy B. Keppy (*) .....1983-84	(*) Deceased
Thomas Robinson .....1984-85	
H. Ronald Frogley, D.C. (*) .....1985-86	
Thomas Otting .....1986-87	
Gene Schneckloth (*) .....1987-88	
J.B. Straley (*) .....1988-89	
Robert H. Lage (*) .....1989-90	
Richard J. Blanche .....1990-91	
Jack D. Darland .....1991-92	
Jerry L. Vollbeer (*) .....1992-93	
Robert B. White .....1993-94	
Wayne W. Jugenheimer .....1994-95	
William F. Tubbs (*) .....1995-96	
Pascal V. DeLuca .....1996-97	
Robert K. Bainter .....1997-98	
John C. Barker, M.D. (*) .....1998-99	
Merle L. Anderson .....1999-00	
Carl G. Stigdon .....2000-01	
James L. Smith .....2001-02	
R. Scott Case .....2002-03	
Robert A. Fox .....2003-04	
James J. Rastrelli .....2004-05	
Thomas A. Yates .....2005-06	
Anita L. Wubbena, D.C. ....2006-07	
Scott C. Kurtz .....2007-08	
Gary Lynch (*) .....2008-09	
Charles I. Briegel (*) .....2009-10	
Charlie Jones .....2010-11	
Becky Bray .....2011-12	
John D. Maxwell .....2012-13	
Steven G. Suiter .....2013-14	
Steven Fahrenkrog .....2014-15	
Glen L. Keppy (*).....2015-16	



# 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,

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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. It goes into effect 7/1/25.  
For any questions please see Greg Schaapveld or Deb Petersen.**

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](mailto: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.