



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
June 18, 2025

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## PROGRAM RECAP

### Iowa Lieutenant Governor Chris Cournoyer

We were very fortunate to have Iowa Lieutenant Governor Chris Cournoyer as our speaker today, who, as everyone knows, is a member of our North Scott Rotary Club. Lieutenant Governor Cournoyer was sworn into that office on 12/16/24.

Here is a partial summary of some of the main points of the presentation, during which Ms. Cournoyer highlighted some of her areas of focus as Lieutenant Governor (please excuse any errors or omissions): "*Empower Rural Iowa Task Force*" : Focused on economic development planning. Examples include business succession planning, rural grocery store modernization, emergency response programs, housing, and child care

"*Iowa Governor's STEM Council*": Focused on "Edu-nomic" development. There are multiple facets of this program including teacher recognition

Other duties as Lieutenant Governor:

*Governor's Key Legislative Initiatives*: Reduced unemployment tax burden; prepared for future disasters; established hands-free driving (to reduce cell phone related accidents); eliminated taxes on retirement income; eliminated inheritance tax

*School Choice in Iowa*: Only about 7.6% of K-12 students in Iowa attend private schools. Many are actually using the school choice option to attend a public school in a different district.

Iowa Ranks as the #1 state for fiscal responsibility, low cost of living and for home affordability.

*DOGE Task Force*: Iowa has its own version of DOGE and if you have suggestions for efficiency the website is [doge.feedback.iowa.gov/](https://doge.feedback.iowa.gov/)

A detailed look at where all of the Iowa money goes can be found at [checkbook.iowa.gov](https://checkbook.iowa.gov)

Next year's areas of focus include property tax reform, energy, health care economic development investing, consideration of DOGE recommendations, and other bills.

*meeting notes submitted by Bill Hoover.*

## UPCOMING PROGRAM



### Jason Gordon Client Development Manager for Terracon

As the Client Development Manager for Terracon, Jason oversees the Client Development strategies for the entire state of Iowa. Past professional experiences include: Vice President of Business Development for Valley Construction, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, and District Representative for former Congressmen Jim Nussle and Jim Leach. In addition, Jason was Davenport Alderman At-Large for eight years, stepping down from that role at the end of his fourth term in January 2018.

Order North Scott Rotary items clothing at :

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Fri June 20th:** Jason Gordon Client Development Manager for Terracon

**Thurs June 26<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 am NS Community feed our children at Faith Lutheran Church to prepare sack lunches

**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

**Thurs June 17<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 am NS Community feed our children at Faith Lutheran Church to prepare sack lunches

**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

**Thurs Aug 17<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 am NS Community feed our children at Faith Lutheran Church to prepare sack lunches

**Fri, August 8<sup>th</sup>:** RYLA students Recap of their experience

**Sat, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>:** Rotary Night at the River Bandits

## CLUB SERVICE

### GREETERS:

June 20: Jody Johnston-Mohr & Terrye Kishiue

### INSPIRATION:

June 20: Dick Cole

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

June 20: Jim Smith

### PIANO:

June 20: Marguerite Holzworth

### SONG LEADERS:

June 20: Drew Wilson

### NEWSLETTER:

June 20: Becky Bray

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance on June 13 was 47 members and 7 guests. Guests were **Duncan Cameron**, Rotary Club of Naples, FL, Rebecca Wilson, guest of **Drew Wilson**, Pete Perez, guest of **Chris Cournoyer**, Robert Thompson and Judith Lee, guests of **Richard Pokora**. Also attending were Marguerite Holzworth and Sasha Grunwald. **Nathan Kessler** collected \$22 in fines.

For our Reflection **Becky Bray** shared that her daughter had said that it must be hard to be God, having to love everyone, (even those who we might find difficult to love). Becky noted that this is not unlike Rotary, whose membership comprises a diverse group of people.

Rachael Ehlers, granddaughter of **Richard Golvinghorst** and a senior at Davenport West High School, received a \$12,000 (4 year) scholarship from the Rotary Club of Davenport.

Natalie Sierk, granddaughter of **Dr. Don Sierk** and a junior at North Scott High School, received the female Triple Threat Award at the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Show in Des Moines. She will be attending the National awards held in New York City in June. The program honors students for excellence in singing, dancing, and acting.

**Lori and Scott Rochau** attended several Rotary meetings and activities, in St. Croix, as they spent January-March enjoying the warm weather. When they return to St. Croix, Scott is thinking of joining the Rotary Club.

**Stephanie & Sean Eckhardts'** daughter committed to Indian Hills Community College on a golf scholarship.

The installation party for president elect **Deanna Valliere** will be at Sheridan Meadows on Thursday June 26 at 5:30pm. Please sign up!

**Kim Wilkins** noted that Feed Our Children Sack Lunch Events will occur on 6/26; 7/17; 8/7. Meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W LeClaire Rd, Eldridge. From 10-11:15 lunches are packed; from 11:30-12:30 lunches are delivered.

**Pat Olsen** noted that sponsors are needed for the upcoming police luncheons.

Sergeant at Arms: A "fine" job was done by **Nathan Kessler**.

*notes submitted by Bill Hoover*

## RYLA ROTARIAN VISIT DAY

On **Tuesday, July 29th 2025** you have an opportunity to be involved in the RYLA Shark Tank Experience. It involves students creating a feasible service project that they can take home to their communities. Students will go through a series of scavenger hunt-like activities to learn more about the history of Rotary while brainstorming ideas for their service project. They will then present a seven minute slideshow to our head counselors and Rotarian guest-judges for a score, which will be given to them that evening.

We would love to have Rotarians join us and shadow a Team and Team Lead in order to get hands-on experience with our program without having to commit to the entire week. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a better understanding of RYLA sponsorships and the profound impact the program leaves on our students and community.

You are welcome to come anytime after 8am and you are welcome to stay most of day, depending on your schedule. We would ask that you leave prior to our designated dinner time. Upon arrival you would go the Harris Center of the Grinnell Campus. Someone will greet you and you will be matched up with a team of students, a Team Lead and a Rotarian Volunteer.

**If you plan to visit, please send an email to Mark McAndrews, Conference Chair at ([markmcandrews@msn.com](mailto:markmcandrews@msn.com)) with your name, name of your club, the number of Rotarians in your party, and your planned arrival time.**

## NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRES.

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.



The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

## REMEMBRANCE

**Thomas J. Otting**, 88, past president (1986-87) of North Scott Rotary, passed away on June 12. His visitation is 4-7 pm Wednesday, June 18 at Halligan-McCabe Funeral home in Davenport. Tom's funeral mass will be at 10 am Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

## TRAVELING THE WORLD



We've had many Rotarians traveling the world recently. Pictured to the left is Mindy Leahy celebrating her retirement with two weeks in Europe. She

began in Budapest and then took a river cruise that through part of Austria. The cruise ended in Prague. Pictured below is **Heather Wagner**.

Heather cruised through Europe enjoying Rome, the island of Capri, the Amalfi coast, Mount Etna, Santorini, Greece and Turkey.



## 10 REASONS FOR ROTARY

From Theresa White's recent reflection, here are 10 Reasons to Join a Rotary Club. Photo taken at Rotary International HQ, the desk of the current Rotary International President.



## ELDRIDGE PARADE COMING SOON

Mark your calendars, we have the Eldridge Festival parade coming up on **Saturday July 12th!**

Please walk (or ride) with us! Line up is typically on East Franklin Street in front of Grand Haven and continues down that street towards the library.

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

## OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Daniel A. Whalen (*).....1973-74	Jeffrey Helms .....2016-17
C. John Pheiffer (*) .....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	

## **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](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.