



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
August 13, 2025

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## PROGRAM RECAP

### Recap of RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**Paul Kalainoff** introduced our speakers who attended RYLA – Hailey and Riley along with Mason who was a group leader.

All agreed they met amazing people and had amazing speakers. Mason shared a Word of Focus -courage – that he gave a speech on at the conference.

They all participated in Shark Tank, where they worked in teams to put service projects together. They used the 4-Way Test as a guide. Team Time activities helped them to build trust and learn leadership, empathy and compassion.

3 speakers talked on Gray Matters about teen suicide, rules of engagement for interpersonal communication and inclusive environments. They learned of Rotary Opportunities – Rotaract, Youth Exchnage, Interact and service projects. The focus of the week was on networking, leadership, teamwork and emotional intelligence.

The participants didn't know people when they arrived but made lasting friends during the week. They thanked Paul for his leadership, guidance and sense of humor.

Mason talked about being a team leader and the responsibilities: making a welcoming environment, scheduling, pushing people out of their comfort zone and teaching about service above self.

The participants learn to be vulnerable, authentic, patient and live in the present. No phones or clocks were allowed to be used. Paul complimented the team leaders for giving of their time and energy to help – he stressed that they are true Rotarians. Participant acknowledged that they learned things about themselves even though they were apprehensive about going to the event.



Meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray



## UPCOMING PROGRAM

### Sara K. with Family Resources/Braking Traffik

Friday meeting @ Cunnick- Collins Life Celebration Center  
1200 E 39th Street in Davenport.

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



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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fri, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** : Sara K. with Family Resources/Braking Traffik , Cunnick- Collins location
- Wed, August 20<sup>th</sup>**: 11:30 am Police Lunch at Davenport Police Station.
- Fri, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Jennifer Sulgrove with Americans for Prosperity, Cunnick- Collins location
- Fri, August 29<sup>th</sup>**: No Meeting (Observance of Labor Day)
- Fri, September 5<sup>th</sup>** : Linda Wastyn One Table efforts on behalf of Quad City non-profits
- Fri, September 12<sup>th</sup>** : Golf Outing @ Glynn's Creek Golf Course, Scott County Park
- Fri, September 19<sup>th</sup>** : 10:30 Board meeting with District Governor Norlan Hinke
- Fri, September 19<sup>th</sup>** : program is District Governor Norlan Hinke visit
- Fri, September 26<sup>th</sup>**: Offsite at Regional Innovation Center, Eldridge
- Fri, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, October 10<sup>th</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, October 17<sup>th</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, October 24<sup>th</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, October 31<sup>st</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, November 7<sup>th</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, November 14<sup>th</sup>** : TBA
- Fri, November 21<sup>st</sup>** : Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center

## CLUB SERVICE

### GREETERS:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Marty O'Boyle & Rily Grunwald  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: Marcia Brandt & Fred Mulch

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Nathan Kessler  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: John Maxwell

### INSPIRATION:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Drew Wilson  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: Jill Grunwald

### NEWSLETTER:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> : Sam Culver  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> : Theresa White

### PIANO:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: Marguerite Holzworth  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ron May

### SONG LEADERS:

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> : Paul Holzworth  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> : Drew Wilson

## MENU

Sandwich/Wrap Platter  
Kettle Chips and House Salad

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance on August 8 was 58 members and 13 guests. Guests were the RYLA students and speakers, Riley Inch and Hailey Schaack. Also attending were Mason Schaack, Mr. and Mrs. Schaack, Judith Lee, guest of Richard Pokora, Mark Mommsen, guest of John Maxwell, Nicholas Reuter, guest of Jordon Williams and 5 kids. Fines collected by Patrick Olsen were \$71.00.

Reflection was given by **Theresa White** who shared a beautiful poem called "What will it Matter?" written by Michael Josephson, the founder of Character Counts. She first heard this during **Dick Cole's** Guardian of Integrity Celebration

**Pat Olsen** shared that the rescheduled Police luncheon would be September 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 -1:00 at the Davenport Police Statio, sponsored by **Jordon Williams**.

**Tyler Bindrum** announced the golf outing on Sept 12 @ Glynn's Creek. \$30 for nine holes. Lunch at 11:45 with Smokin' Butts. Please get any gifts for golfers to **Theresa White**. Sponsorships will auto renewed unless he hears otherwise.

Rotary Night at the Ballpark is August 9<sup>th</sup>. **Deanna** attempted to see if people would like to sit together, but found no one was planning to attend.

**President Deanna** thanked everyone for their patience and grace as we navigate plans for a new venue and thanked those who helped set up and serve the meal. September location will be announced soon.

**Marcia Brandt** announced a golf tournament for Mercy One Genesis on October 13 to help with cost of breast screenings.

**Jan Touney** announced that she has been selected as a volunteer for Big Brother Big Sister program and thanked Tyler Bindrum for keeping us aware of the opportunity.

**Diane Papke-Cole** announce that her son got married in Germany and the celebration lasted from 4 pm to 4 am the next day!

**Jeremy Kaiser** announced that Kayla agreed to marry him. Congrats, Jeremy!

**Tyler Bindrum** shared that he and **Mark Harvey** will be going "Over the Edge" for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Scott Case** reminded everyone who speaks to "swallow the mike" so they could be heard.

*meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray*

## AUGUST MEETINGS

For the month of August we will be meeting at:  
**Cunnick-Collins Life Celebration Center - 1200 E 39th Street in Davenport.**

Hang tight for update on where we will be meeting in September.

## SARGE SCHENANIGANS

Sarge Pat Olsen said his table was talking about nominees for the Grumpy Old Man Award and announced that **Scott Case** won for his reminder about needing to have everyone be able to hear.

He fined **Paul Holzworth** for his concern from last week that the sound was not good and asked if he could hear all the singing this week. He also noted that the auditorium at North High named in honor of Paul has a board over his name due to the remodeling and questioned whether they were changing the dedication.

Pat noted that Chuck Grassley was at **John Maxwell's** farm and fined all the other farmers who didn't have him come to their farm.

He fined all the North Scott Board members and employees and anyone who had a child riding a scooter in the town of Eldridge. He also asked **Kim Wilkins** if the perennials planted by Rotarians had been removed by the city. Kim declined to comment.

He asked if **Rich Pokora** knew where he was since he was sitting in the front of the room and usually sat in the back at Rotary. He then pointed out that it appeared Rich wanted to be close to the food.

**Danielle Hines** and **Heather Wagner** were fined and questioned if they were in a contest to see who could go on the most trips? He acknowledged that they were usually present on Fridays for meetings.

He asked **Marty O'Boyle** to whisper since his voice usually carried easily.

He asked how many Rotarians had plans for Saturday night and questioned why we weren't all going to the Rotary Night at the Ballpark.

He thanked **Merle Anderson** for picking up **Jack Schinckel** and said he was relieved to know Jack hadn't stayed the whole time between Rotary meetings.

He questioned if there were any height restrictions on the "Over the Wall" BBBS event, noting that **Mark Harvey** was close to Hulk size and **Tyler Bindrum** wasn't as tall.

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Shout out to this awesome group for helping with the Feed Our Children initiative. Pictured are Linda Tubbs, Nora Sleep, Jacob Sleep, Marty O'Boyle, Jill Grunwald, Paul Kalainoff, Elena Kalainoff, Stephanie Eckhardt, Mindy Leahy, Kay Pence, Kinsley Peterson, Presley Peterson, Deb Peterson, Dr. Pat DeLuca, Maria Bribriesco, Dick Cole, Theresa White, Don Sierk, Natalie Sierk, Becky Bray and Carrie Keppy.  
Way to show up!

## INSPIRATION

**Theresa White** shared the following poem at the last meeting.

### WHAT WILL MATTER

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.  
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.  
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.  
Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.  
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.  
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.  
So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire.  
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.  
It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.  
It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.  
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.  
So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?  
What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave.  
What will matter is not your success but your significance.  
What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.  
What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.  
What will matter is not your competence but your character.  
What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.  
What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you.  
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.  
Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.  
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.  
Choose to live a life that matters.

— Michael Josephson, founder of Character Counts

## THANK YOU RECEIVED

Thank you very much for the \$2000 scholarship. It truly means a lot and I am honored to have received it. I look forward to continuing my education at Iowa State University in the fall.

Thank you again,  
Sydney Groene

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email Danielle Hines:  
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**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**Doors Open 11:45 a.m. | Program Noon – 1 p.m.**

Quad-City Waterfront Convention Center

2021 State Street | Bettendorf, Iowa

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*As our guest, enjoy this special event at no cost to you, connect with fellow community leaders, and hear powerful stories from individuals with disabilities who are living more independent, confident lives—thanks to the support of programs that empower possibility every day.*



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