



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
August 20, 2025

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## PROGRAM RECAP

### Breaking Traffik with Sara K from Family Resources

Sara K. from Family Resources shared a presentation on human trafficking and online safety. Her goal was to help us recognize the signs and protect our families.

Sara began by asking what comes to mind when we hear “human trafficking.” Most said “kidnapping,” but she clarified that trafficking often starts with grooming—building trust before exploitation. Trafficking is defined as using force, fraud, or coercion to control someone for sex or labor.

She explained the trafficking pathway: recruitment, trust, and exploitation. Some risk factors include homelessness, substance abuse, mental health challenges, foster care involvement, and being LGBTQ+. However, anyone can be a victim.

Sara outlined the grooming process: targeting, gaining trust, filling a need, isolating, abusing, and controlling. With over 500,000 predators online daily, she shared practical safety tips for youth: don't overshare online, turn off location settings, block/report suspicious users, and never send explicit photos.

Sextortion—where predators pose as teens to solicit images and then threaten victims—is rising fast. The FBI received nearly 55,000 reports in 2024, up from 13,000 in 2021. Signs of exploitation include mood changes, secrecy, unexplained gifts, and fear of missing messages. If you suspect trafficking, don't confront anyone—be a safe person, believe survivors, and call for help.

Resources:

- Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or text BEFREE (233-733)
- Family Resources: IA 866-921-3354 | IL 309-797-1777
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: <https://www.missingkids.org/home>

## UPCOMING PROGRAM



### Jennifer Sulgrove with Americans for Prosperity

Jennifer Sulgrove serves as the Grassroots Engagement Director at Americans for Prosperity - Iowa, where she leads strategic initiatives to mobilize community-driven advocacy and empower citizens to influence public policy. With a passion for principled leadership and civic engagement, Jennifer builds and supports volunteer networks, coordinates impactful events, and fosters relationships that advance the organization's mission of promoting economic freedom and individual liberty. Her work bridges grassroots energy with policy change, driving meaningful outcomes at the local, state, and national levels.

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

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

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

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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 arranged by Drew Wilson

**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 arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere

**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 Joe Stutting will be giving tours at the Regional Innovation Center, Eldridge

**Fri, October 3<sup>rd</sup> :** TBA

**Fri, October 10<sup>th</sup> :** Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Connolly

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>: Marcia Brandt & Fred Mulch

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Sean Eckhardt & Diane Papke-Cole

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Josh Koerperich & Ken Rohwedder

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: Stephanie Eckhardt & Carrie Keppy

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: John Maxwell

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Nathan Kessler

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: TBD

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: TBD

### NEWSLETTER:

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> : Theresa White

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Bill Hoover

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Mindy Leahy

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: Becky Bray

### PIANO:

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ron May

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Teri Witkowski

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Tewanta Lopez

### INSPIRATION:

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>: Jill Grunwald

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Scott Case

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Sean Eckhardt

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: John Maxwell

### SONG LEADERS:

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> : Drew Wilson

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: John Maxwell

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Jeff Ashcraft

## MENU

Chicken Tuscano, Asparagus,  
Garlic Bread, Cesar Salad

## MEETING RECAP

Attendance on August 15 was 51 members and 7 guests. Guests were Sara K., the speaker, Mark Mommsen, guest of (absent) **John Maxwell**, Marguerite Holzworth, **Brylee Koerperich** and 3 **Grunwald** kids. Joining by Zoom was **Duncan Cameron**. Fines collected by **Patrick Olsen** were \$61.

During his reflection, **Drew Wilson** shared that it was National Relaxation Day and encouraged members to consider how they plan to relax

**Pat Olsen** announced that the next Davenport Police lunch will be on August 20. Volunteers are needed to support the event, which is sponsored by **Jordon Williams**.

**Tom Messer** reminded members that the golf outing is scheduled for September 12 at Glynn's Creek. Lunch will be catered by Smokin' Butts and served at 11:45 am.

**Jeff Ashcraft** invited all Rotarians to attend Empower Hour, a luncheon hosted by Empowering Abilities. The event will take place on Thursday, September at 11:45 am. RSVPs are required by September 1.

**Dick Cole** provided an update on the solar system project. Members interested in joining the committee and assisting with the project should contact Dick.

**Deanna** shared that meetings will continue at Cunnick Collins through the end of August. There is no confirmed location for September meetings at this time.

**Mike Zimmer** will be helping move the piano from the Steeplegate at 9:00 am on Monday, August 18. Volunteers are welcome to assist.

**Deanna** also shared that the club's membership application process is being refreshed and thanked everyone involved in the update.

**Kelly Meyer** ran into former North Scott Rotary member Bert Vigon at the Iowa State Fair and shared that he is doing well.

**Duncan Cameron** is recovering well from a recent procedure and hopes to return to Rotary meetings soon.

*meeting notes submitted by Samantha Culver*

## KIDS LOVE ROTARY



Josh K's daughter Brylee had a blast at our meeting last week. Rotary: Toddler approved.

## SHOWING UP IN STYLE



Tony Knobbe rolled up to our weekly meeting in style with his blue Pontiac Convertible.

## ALTERNATING CURRENTS



Deanna encouraged Rotarians to check out Alternating Currents this weekend. She was even wearing her Alternating Currents 2025 shirt!

## PIANO UPDATE!

How many Rotarians does it take to move a piano? At least 9! But many hands makes light work (although I'm not sure the guys carrying the piano would call it light work..) Giant shout out to this crew for getting the piano moved from the Steeplegate and in storage!  
Mike Zimmer, Jordon Williams, Michael Bristley, Bill Hoover, Paul Thronson, Drew Wilson, Matt Russ, Bryan Bolin, Deanna Jensen-Valliere (and anybody that somehow escaped a photo but was there to help) Thank you!

## NEED AN EXCUSE TO GOLF?

Not that you need an excuse... but just in case, it's for a good cause! Local Rotary clubs are hosting golf outings in the next few weeks, including North Scott Rotary! Below is a list of opportunities to work on your golf game. Please reach out to the contact info listed for more info or to get registered.

*Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing: Wednesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
10:00 am Palmer Hills  
Get more info: BettendorfRotary@gmail.com

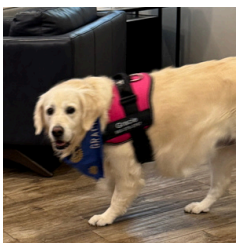
*NS Rotary: Fri Sept 12<sup>th</sup>*  
noon at Glynns Creek  
Reach out to Tom Messer or Tyler Bindrum to signup

*Davenport Rotary: Sept 19<sup>th</sup>*  
Emeies 12:30  
Register your team: DavenportRotary@gmail.com



## GRACIE

Gracie loves coming our meetings! As a reminder please refrain from feeding her human food. She does however enjoy the dog treats Theresa puts on the table and being given attention! 😊



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



EMPOWERING  
ABILITIES

EMPOWER  
HOUR

**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

***Join us for an inspiring, one-hour luncheon showcasing the life-changing work of Empowering Abilities.***

*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.*



To RSVP, scan  
the QR code.  
RSVP's due by  
September 1

<https://tinyurl.com/2025EmpowerHour>