



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
September 26, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Annual Visit from District Governor

District Governor Norlan Hinke provided the program and shared the District 6000 and Rotary International goals. Rotary International is focusing on grass root initiatives to keep members involved and grow the membership. Membership in District 6000 is down. The goal is to grow the district 1% in the next year. To do this, we need to add value to the club to keep current members engaged. Membership growth then results naturally. There is also an increase and encouragement to build extension clubs that meet more frequently for fellowship and activities. Our North Scott Rotary goal is to grow membership to 110 members.

DG Hinke then updated numbers on the Foundation annual giving numbers and the Polio Plus Fund. There is a new flight across the Atlantic to continue raising funds and awareness of polio. There is a district match challenge. If a club donates \$10,000, it will be matched at the district level, then the Gates Foundations matches it 2:1.

As DG, he is asking clubs in District 6000 to focus on several items: Public Imaging and Marketing: complete and coordinate a comprehensive public image and marketing plan to encourage membership and keep current members engaged. Plant Trees: he challenged the club to plant at least 1 tree per member to enhance our environmental impact in the communities where we live, work and serve as people of action. Mental Wellness: he is asking each club to conduct at least one mental health program of their choice in their community to enhance awareness and create a more open environment for mental wellness.

District 6000 is also putting together a Technology Team to help clubs with their technological needs.



meeting notes submitted by Mindy Leahy

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Regional Innovation Center Tour



2205 S 1st St, Eldridge, IA 52748

Directions to Regional Innovation Center:

From Highway 61 north take the Blackhawk Trail Exit toward Eldridge. Turn North/right at the stop sign at South First Street. Proceed ½ mile. RIC on right side, big red building, you can't miss it.

CLUB SERVICE

PIANO:

- Oct 3rd: Teri Witkowski
- Oct 10th: Tewanta Lopez
- Oct 17th: Marguerite H
- Oct 24th: tbd
- Oct 31st: tbd

INSPIRATION:

- Sept 26th: John Maxwell
- Oct 3rd: Jill Grunwald
- Oct 10th: Theresa White
- Oct 17th: Sean Eckhardt
- Oct 24th: Josh Koerperich
- Oct 31st: Tony Knobbe

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

- Oct 3rd: Eric Langan
- Oct 10th: Kelly Meyer
- Oct 17th: Ross Paustian
- Oct 24th: Patrick Olsen
- Oct 31st: John Maxwell

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs, September 25th:** North Scott Homecoming Parade line up 5:30 at NSHS parking lot near football field / Ed White
- Fri, September 26th:** Friendly Friday at NSJH 7:20 am
- Fri, September 26th:** Offsite Joe Stutting will be giving tours at the Regional Innovation Center, Eldridge
- Sun, September 28:** Noon to 5 - Volunteer at Soles for Children, Friendly House, 1221 Myrtle, Davenport. Contact Bill Hoover for details.
- Wed/Thurs, Oct 1st & 2nd :** Dictionary distribution specific times & schools pending, arranged by John Maxwell
- Fri, October 3rd :** pie auction begins
- Fri, October 3rd :** John Maxwell Cinnamon Ridge Farms
- Wed, October. 8th :** Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi, shifts of noon - 2:00 and 3:00 - 6:00. contact Jeremy Kaiser for questions.
- Fri, October 10th:** Board Meeting 10:30
- Fri, October 10th :** Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Cournoyer
- Fri, Oct. 17:** 10:45 am Membership committee meets
- Fri, October 17th :** Merle Anderson update on Imbabazi Center for Women and Children arranged by Scott Case
- Fri, October 24th :** TBA arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere
- Fri, October 31st :** Friendly Friday at NSJH 7:20 am
- Fri, October 31st :** Director Tracy Singleton from the Lincoln Resource Center arranged by Rily and Ardita Grunwald
- Fri, November 7th :** TBA
- Fri, November 14th :** TBA
- Fri, November 21st :** Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center
- Fri, Dec. 5th:** Nicole Cisne Durbin with Family Resources introducing and describing successes of the CAP program arranged by Jeremy Kaiser
- Fri, Dec. 12th:** TBA

MENU

Lunch this week will be Subway sandwiches. Shout out to Deb Peterson for ordering and picking up before the meeting!

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on September 19 was 48 members and 9 guests. Rotarian guests were DG Norlan & Cindy Hinke, AG Doug Peterson and DGN Grethen Nollman. Other guests were Mark Mommsen & Jayna Gallagher, guests of John Maxwell, Matt & Molly Dewild, guests of Norlan Hinke and Robert Thompson, guest of Judith Lee. Joining on Zoom were Theresa White, Charlie Jones and Duncan Cameron. Patrick Olsen was the sergeant and collected \$93 in fines.

Becky Bray gave the reflection, sharing the children's book "Whobody There?" and reminding us to be a whobody to someone.

New member induction: **Greg Schapveld** inducted new member **Judith Lee**, who has been a guest and recommended to membership by **Rich Pokora**.

Tyler Bindrum gave an update of last week's golf outing. 11 teams, great day and weather. **Tom Messer's** team won.

Danielle Hines reminded everyone of the upcoming North Scott Homecoming parade. Need riders and candy.

Deb Peterson reminded all of the upcoming Friendly Friday at the Jr. High. They will be giving out red beads to go along with the homecoming celebration.

Harvest Party is coming up, put Wednesday, Oct. 8th on your calendars. There will be two shifts of kids, noon – 2pm and 3-6pm.

Deanna thanked the members for their patience while seeking a new location. The board will proceed with working with the Hilton Garden Inn for a long-term commitment for our permanent location.

Deanna thanked the Environmental Committee for helping with the Project Renewal cleanup.

John Maxwell provided a dictionary update. They will be disbursed on October 1 and 2. John then introduced a couple of members from the River Bend Food Bank. John is an ambassador for the food bank this year. The student hunger Drive kickoff is September 29 th . They are asking community members and businesses to help with the Million Meals Match Challenge with a goal of raising \$200,000 which equals one million meals.

Deanna announced that the club has been awarded a \$6,000 grant that was matched by the club for a service project forthcoming with Humility Homes and Services.

meeting notes submitted by Mindy Leahy

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Sept 26th: Stephanie Eckhardt & Carrie Keppy
Oct 3rd: Jody Johnston-Mohr and Eric Langan
Oct 10th: Rich Horst and Patrick Olsen
Oct 17th: Terrye Kishiue and Dick Cole
Oct 24th: Mitch Amhof and Jim Smith
Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch

SONG LEADERS:

Oct 3rd : TBA
Oct 10th TBA
Oct 17th : TBA
Oct 24th : TBA
Oct 31st : TBA

NEWSLETTER:

Sept 26th: Becky Bray
Oct 3rd : Drew Wilson
Oct 10th Sam Culver
Oct 17th : Mindy Leahy
Oct 24th : Becky Bray
Oct 31st : Drew Wilson

Members participated in a service project in anticipation of the Gold Coast brunch and garden walk in central Davenport on September 13th. Our club helped fund and landscape their new building last fall, and this fall we helped weed and beautified the butterfly and vegetable garden and the newer park they built a few years ago.



Pictured are:

Paul Kalinoff and wife Susan, Kay Pence, Becky Bray, Jill Grunwald, Greg Schaapveld, and Kim Wilkins.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The North Scott Homecoming Parade is coming up on Thursday September 25th and we are registered to be in it! **Tony Knobbe** will be driving us in the parade so we need walkers/riders!

Please consider showing up for this, line up at 5:30 at NSHS near the football field, parade starts at 6:00.

Wear Rotary gear if possible, bring candy to hand out (no throwing). Feel free to bring friends or family, let's have a big presence!

For questions reach out to **Danielle Hines**.



HARVEST PARTY

Make sure to mark your calendars for Oct 8th. Our annual Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi will be on the 8th.

There will be 2 shifts: 12-2 and 3-6 pm.

This is always one of our well attended events and we need lots of people there to make sure it's a great event for local youth. Please reach out to Jeremy Kaiser or Deb Petersen to sign up for a shift or with any questions!

NEW MEMBER JUDITH LEE



Judith Lee joined our club on Friday, September 19. Her sponsor is Rev. Richard Pokora. Judith resides in Davenport and is

the President of Environmental Planning Strategies, Inc. She was born and raised in Massachusetts and attended college in Maine and Utah. Judith enjoys hiking, biking and kayaking and is active in River Action and Scott County Watersheds. She currently is a candidate for Mayor of Davenport.

Please take time to welcome Judith.

SARGE SCHENENIGANS

Pat Olsen began with charging our guest and District Governor, Norlan Hinke. John Maxwell was fined for confusion with whether he does or does not sit with his guests. Judith Lee for her "true" welcome to NS Rotary, a fine, Danielle, Tyler, and Marsha were each fined for a round-robin in chairs confusing Pat on where to sit at the meeting. All golf outing winners were fined. Becky was fined for kicking off Rotary Reads with reading a children's book for our inspiration. Jordan Williams wore a bow tie, looking spiffy cost him. Paul Holzworth paid up for having the piano setup but no pianist. Jeff Ashcraft was congratulated and fined for running for Eldridge City Council. Everyone who did not purchase a mum from Empowering Abilities fall fundraiser as well as everyone but Deanna for the challenge of finding a new location were fined.

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS:

The annual pie auction/goodie auction starts on October 3rd. As a reminder this is how we get our auction fundraising started! Members who would like to bake something please reach out to Deb Peterson or John Maxwell. John will be auctioning off the desserts for during our Friday meetings in October.

If you're not baking, get your wallet ready!

DICTIONARIES ARE HERE!



Dictionaries have been delivered and are ready for us to hand out to local 4th graders. John Maxwell will be providing a timeline but the date is October 1st and 2nd. Specific times and locations coming soon. All rotarians are welcome to come with to help deliver to the kids!

CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

District Governor Norlan Hinke presented past North Scott President Greg Schappveld and current North Scott President Deanna Jensen-Valliere with a Club of Excellence Award for fostering a positive experience for members and reflecting rotary's core values.



GOLF WINNERS

First in Flight A:
Tom Messer
Brandon Messer
Jordan Howe
Mike Schlicting

First in Flight B:
Katie White
Natalie Amhof
Natalie Shank
Marcie Johnson

First in Flight C:
Amy Thompson
Joe Stutting
Marty O'Boyle
Jeff Helms

FELLOWSHIP



Recently the Eckhardts and Marcia Brandt enjoyed a great Hawkeye football game. Go Hawks!

SHOUT OUT TO JORDON WILLIAMS



Our very own Jordan Williams was formally recognized as one of the Quad Cities Regional Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Class of 2025 during a recent ceremony.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HEARTLAND USA

Last weekend our fearless leader facilitated at Rotary Leadership Institute - Heartland USA. Deanna completed RLI in Spring this year and loved it so much. She was asked to come back and help lead a session, which of course she said yes! Very fitting she wore her Bill Tubbs shirt:

"I have traveled the world to different Rotary clubs, but there's nothing like coming back to North Scott Rotary."

