



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
October 29, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Pat Olsen’s Inspiration Ironman Journey

Pat Olsen shared that when a friend told him years ago that he was doing the Ironman, Pat told him he was crazy. But when his brother Chris requested that they do one together, Pat agreed and thus began a journey filled with many highs and lows, challenges, disappointments and a huge accomplishment.

They trained together, Pat in Iowa and Chris in Florida as they talked on the phone at 4:00 in the morning. The Ironman is swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. There is much preparation in addition to all the physical and mental work – there were stations that each participant could have a bag of needed items such as food and sunscreen. The course was exceptionally difficult: uphill trails having very short valleys before making participants climb again, river that had a dam closed so the current did not aid in movement, water so muddy that Pat couldn’t see (but could imagine snakes that he is afraid of) and cars that needed to be avoided while bicycling beside them.

The hardest part for Pat was watching his brother take on water and struggle to breathe, but motioning Pat to keep going. He wasn’t sure where Chris was for much of the race, but later got a computer message on his bike from Chris saying “on bike.” He kept watching for him but as he came up to an overpass, he saw his brother in the spectators. Later found out that a car had made Chris flip his bicycle. Chris wanted to keep going, but when it wasn’t clear if he had hit his head, the officials pulled him from the race. Pat knew it was his brother’s dream to finish Ironman, so it was emotional for him to finish without him. However, his brother will be doing Ironman in Houston and there is a good chance that Patrick will be competing in Madison in the future.

meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Director Tracy Singleton from the Lincoln Resource Center



Tracey Singleton, a local nonprofit leader who is utilizing her resources to impact minorities and more in the QCA. Singleton is the Executive Director of the TMBC Lincoln Resource Center, Founder of Well Suited, and COO of the QC Empowerment Network.

Meeting will be at our new home location, Hilton Garden Inn.

GOODIE AUCTION

- Lemon Meringue pie baked by **Linda Paustian**, purchased by **Rob White** \$250
- Apple pie baked by **Linda Paustian’s pie students**, purchased by **Paul Kalainoff** \$100
- Cherry pie baked by **Diana Messer**, purchased by **Sean Eckhardt** \$100
- Pumpkins bars baked by **Theresa White**, purchased by **Tracy Lindaman** \$40
- Brownies baked by **Sara Somsy**, purchased by **Jen Kress** \$30
- Scratch cupcakes donated by **Deb Peterson**, purchased by **Sean Eckhardt** \$20
- Apple pie donated by **Sean Eckhardt**, purchased by **Rich Golinghorst & Ross Paustian** \$50

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Arditia Grunwald at Hilton Garden Inn
Wed, November 5th: 5:30 pm New Member Orientation at Eldridge branch Scott County Library.
Fri, November 7th : Paula Kreiter Turelli with Family Resources at Hilton Garden Inn arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere
Fri, November 14th : 10:30 am Board of Directors meeting
Fri, November 14th : Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Cournoyer at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, November 21st : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH
Fri, November 21st : Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center
Fri, November 28th : No meeting, Holiday break
Fri, December 5th: 10:30 am Program Committee meeting
Fri, December 5th: Nicole Cisne Durbin with Family Resources introducing and describing successes of the CAP program arranged by Jeremy Kaiser at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, December 12th: **Board Meeting 10:30 at Hilton Garden Inn**
Fri, December 12th: Rick Davis, Moment's performance group arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, December 19th : 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH
Fri, December 19th: TBA at Hilton Garden Inn
Fri, Dec 26th: No Meeting Holiday Break
Fri, Jan 2nd : No Meeting Holiday Break

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch
Nov. 7th : Mike Zimmer and Diane Papke-Cole
Nov. 14th : Marcia Brandt and Sean Eckhardt

NEWSLETTER:

Oct 31st : Sam Culver
Nov. 7th : Drew Wilson
Nov. 14th : Mindy Leahy

SONG LEADERS:

Oct 31st : John Maxwell
Nov. 7th : Jeff Ashcraft
Nov. 14th : Kelly Meyer

PIANO:

Oct 31st : Marguerite H
Nov. 7th : Teri Witkowski
Nov. 14th : Tewanta Lopez

INSPIRATION:

Oct 31st : Tony Knobbe
Nov. 7th : Stephanie Eckhardt
Nov. 14th : Drew Wilson

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Oct 31st : John Maxwell
Nov. 7th : TBA
Nov. 14th : TBA

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on October 24 was 63 members and 10 guests. Guests were David Pautch guest of **Jeremy Kaiser**, Libby Ogard guest of **Drew Wilson**, Ryan Hicks guest of **Tracy Lindaman**, Leslie Sampson and Brylee Koerperich, guests of **Josh Koerperich**, Robert Thompson guest of **Judith Lee**, Scott Garvin guest of **Greg Schaapveld** and NSHS students Evan Keppy, Natalie Sierk, and Ryann Peterson. Attending via Zoom was **Steve Suiter**. **Sean Eckhardt** was the sergeant and collected \$77. **Stephanie Eckhardt** gave \$55 for her birthday toward her next Paul Harris.

Josh Koerperich gave a reflection about extending ourselves out to others can lead to personal relationships.

Theresa White reminded us of Friendly Friday on Oct 31st.

Pat Olsen announced Gala sponsors, requested tickets be reserved and items be brought in as soon as possible.

Evan Keppy announced the North Scott Choir was chosen to perform in Milwaukee on Feb 26 at the Midwest Choral Directors Convention and asked for sponsors/ donations.

Members of the North Scott Service Club advertised their participation in the Student Hunger Drive.

New member orientation will be November 5th at 5:30 at the Scott County Library.

We will have a box at our upcoming meetings to help The Bettendorf Rotary Club in their annual blanket donation drive which supports Humility Homes and Services.

Stephanie Eckhardt donated \$55 for her birthday.

Ardita Grunwald announced she will not be attending the auction as Sofia will be performing in the Iowa Junior Honors String Orchestra Festival in Ames – the only one chosen from the junior high. She also noted that her son Hans scored in the Fast Math assessment 100th percentile in the District and 99th percentile in the nation for the 3rd year in a row. Way to go Grunwald kids!

Brad Burt requested special help for a teen in Africa whose parents were killed in an automobile accident and needed money for his schooling. **Marcia Brandt** volunteered to help.

Carrie Keppy shared that her son Evan would be performing in Indianapolis this weekend with the National FFA Chorus.

notes submitted by Becky Bray

SARGE SCHENANIGANS

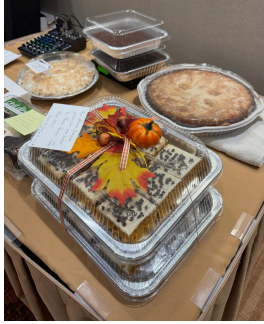
Sean Eckhardt fined Jim Smith and Mitch Amhof for missing their time as greeters, Jill Grunwald for running for City Council in Long Grove, anyone was an elected official or running for office and Michigan fans. He asked all those who served in the military to stand and asked everyone else to pay a dollar. Also anyone who have ever performed in front of an audience.

CALLING ALL BAKERS:

Bakers needed for November 7th and 14th!

Contact Deb Peterson if you plan on bringing something.

Remember, if you're not baking, get your wallet ready!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you still have a red badge like Josh K then you need to go to the New Member Orientation on November 5th at 5:30 at the Scott County Library in Eldridge. Contact Deb with any questions!



Rotary
Club of Bettendorf



Blanket Drive '25



Donation Drive-Thru
Friday, Oct. 24 9am-5:30 pm

KWQC TV 6 located at 805 Brady St. Davenport, IA

Help the homeless and less fortunate stay warm this winter. Please donate new or gently used blankets. Just drive through the KWQC driveway (off of Brady Street) any time between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

No spare blankets at home? Then, please consider making a monetary donation! Every \$10 buys a new blanket.

Monetary Donations:
RotaryBlanketDrive.org



HALLOWEEN JOKES

Here are a few ghoulish puns to make you smile:

“Why did the skeleton join Rotary?
To be a part of a body that makes a difference!”

“What do you call a witch who’s a Rotary member?
A ‘community potion’ maker!”

“Why did Dracula love Rotary?
Because he thought it was to die for how we give back!”

Wishing you a Halloween that’s filled with treats and no tricks! Stay ‘boo-tiful’ and keep making a difference!

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

DG Norlan Hinke invites you to join us for Rotary Foundation Receptions

- Monday, October 27th
Crestmore Country Club, 1101 West Townline St, Creston
- Monday, November 3rd
Della Viti Wine Bar, 323 Main St, Ames
- Thursday, November 13th
Turnwater, 318 Riverview Dr, Ft. Madison
- Monday, November 24th
Rayo Mexican, 127 E. Zellar St, North Liberty

6:00 - 8:00 PM
Program at 6:45
Appetizers & Cash Bar



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.**