



# North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA  
December 10th, 2025

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## PROGRAM RECAP

### Nicole Cisne Durbin, Family Resources

Jeremy Kaiser shared a bit about the background of the CAP (Coordinated Assessment Program) that is a collaboration between Davenport and Bettendorf Schools, County Attorney and Scott County Kids. With juvenile crime and car thefts a few years back, the group researched a successful program in Colorado and decided to fund a similar program for Scott County. It is funded by local government and John Deere. They awarded the grant to Family Resources.

He then introduced Nicole Cisne Durbin, CEO of Family Resources who shared what the program entails. There is a juvenile assessment with a community component and law enforcement. The goal is to connect families with needed resources.

Supervisor Tonya said programs are trauma-informed, evidence-based and have collaborative care management. They don't focus on "why did you do that?" but rather "what happened to you that you would make that (bad) choice?"

Referrals come from self-referrals, schools, agencies and lots of word of mouth. They aim for authentic family engagement and strive to meet clients where they are at. They offer support vs. expertise and empower clients to be in control. Their data shows 77% of families contacted engage with them and 80% show progress on goals. In addition, 94 % of those who did not show up for school only had that one instance after assistance from staff.

Barriers faced include lack of parental involvement, schedules, funds and transportation. They have 110 employees at Family Resources, with 6 employed in the CAP program.

Nicole shared that this program is part of a toolbox of resources from Family Resources and the community.

Program Recap provided by Becky Bray.



## UPCOMING PROGRAM



### Rick Davis, Moment's performance group

Arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Rick Davis will be sharing about All Things Speaking. **Rick Davis**, has decades of experience in professional speaking, performing & coaching, understands the nuances of crafting compelling presentations. Whether you are looking for a keynote speaker for your next conference, looking to deliver a great message at your next team meeting, crafting a great story to sell more, or want to learn the ropes of a professional speaker or entrepreneur, Rick Davis can help get you there.

Meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn.

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thurs, Dec. 11th:** Big for a Day at Edward White Elementary 10:55 AM–12:15 PM, contact Tyler Bindrum with questions

**Fri, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Board Meeting 10:30 Hilton Garden Inn

**Fri, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Rick Davis, Moment's performance group arranged by Deanna JV at Hilton Garden Inn

**Fri, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH

**Fri, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Informal Holiday Celebration with Karaoke, cookie exchange and Christmas Sweater Contest organized by Rich Horst and Tracy Lindaman at Hilton Garden Inn

**Sat, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday Food Baskets, info TBA

**Fri, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>:** No Meeting Holiday Break

**Fri, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** No Meeting Holiday Break

**Fri, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Board Meeting 10:30 Hilton Garden Inn

**Fri, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** TBA arranged by Marcia Brandt

**Fri, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Date held for holiday party more info TBA

**Fri, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** TBA arranged Josh Koerprich

**Fri, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>:** 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH

**Fri, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Membership Development Committee Presentation

## CLUB SERVICE

### GREETERS:

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Ken Rohwedder & Mitch Amhof  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Marcia Brandt & Stephanie Eckhardt

### NEWSLETTER:

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Bill Hoover  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> : Mindy Leahy

### INSPIRATION:

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: Becky Bray  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: John Maxwell

### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: Nathan Kessler  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: Kelly Meyer

### SONG LEADERS:

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> : Paul Holzworth  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: Drew Wilson

### PIANO:

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: Tewanta Lopez  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: Marguerite Holzworth

## TERI WITTKOWSKI

It is with great sadness to let you know that one of our beloved pianists, Teri Wittkowski, has passed away. Service information will be forthcoming.

Teri was also the organist for Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eldridge. She just spent this past Friday with us at Rotary, providing the beautiful piano music. Paul told me that she was always willing to fill in where needed.

Peace be with Teri's family, friends and our Rotary family,

## MEETING RECAP

Reflection by **Scott Case** told the story of his parent's adoption of a very ill boy from the Children's Home in Des Moines when he was a small boy.

**Patrick Olsen** thanked everyone for the Gala. We made a gross of \$138,493 with the final net to be determined after all bills are in. The special donations at the end of the evening totaled \$25,000 which far exceeded the goal to purchase food for 100 families. We currently have ordered baskets of food from Hy Vee for 204 families and need lots of volunteers to help deliver on Dec 20.

**Jan Touney** reminded everyone that the Interact Club is collecting coats at December meetings. They will be hung on a free coat rack in Eldridge. She shared that it has been observed that many families in need are utilizing this.

President **Deanna** reminded us that we will have a cooking exchange, ugly Christmas Sweater Contest and Karaoke at our meeting on December 19th.

Reminder that we will be collecting money for a holiday cash gift for our server. A card was passed to be signed for **Marty O'Boyle**, recovering from knee replacement.

We collected over \$400 to adopt a family from Family Resources for the holiday. Shopping will be after the meeting.

The District HOPE (Homeless Outreach Prevention and Education) Rotary Club had a zoom meeting with guest speaker and local leader Dwight Ford who shared that the homeless population in the Quad Cities is extremely bad right now. He encourages Rotarian to not turn away and "be better angels."

**Dick Cole** encouraged everyone to visit Hometown Holidays as Santa is expecting to see us.

**Rich Golinghorst** shared that after 3+ years, he is cancer free from his pancreatic cancer. **Bill Hoover** commented that as a pathologist, he knows that is extremely rare. Congratulations, Rich!

**Riley Grunwald** announced that the lift is working at the Oasis. (And there is snow!)

## TIP FOR OUR SERVER

We will be passing a bucket Dec. 12 & 19 for a cash tip for the Hilton server.

## HELP INTERACT CLUB WITH COATS



The North Scott Junior High School Interact Club is asking for help from North Scott Rotarians in helping to keep the community's two free coat racks full to help those in need with a warm winter coat.

As it has for the past five years, the Interact Club is collecting gently worn coats for children through adults that will be placed on coat racks in Eldridge and Park View for people to take at no cost. Last year, some 200-300 coats were given away.

Rotarians who wish to donate coats can **bring coats to the Friday meetings on Dec. 5th, 12th and 19th**, and Interact advisor Jan Touney will get them to the coat racks. Interact student are collecting coats at the junior high.

The coat project is just one of several service projects the Interact club has undertaken this year. During the first quarter, students prepared 50 care bags for homeless residents and presented them at one of the club meeting to Megan Brown-Saldana, chief development officer at Humility Homes & Services.

Ms. Brown-Saldana talked to the students about the difficulties the homeless face, and how Humility Homes & Services works to get people into permanent housing. From July 1 to September 30 of this year, HHS served almost 800 people; 178 of them were children 17 and under.

Each year, the club also raises funds to purchase hygiene items for the children at Imbabazi Centre for Women & Children in Uganda.

Help the Interact Club:

**Bring Coats to donate to our December meetings please!**

## SARGE SCHENANIGANS

Sarge Jim Smith fined anyone with their picture on the front page of the newsletter, Jeff Ashcraft for winning a seat on the city council but also getting votes for school board.

He noted that the birthday table moved a few times today, so anyone who has had a birthday in the past year should pay \$1.

He fined anyone with a red badge, but noted that we have many new members, Tyler Bindrum for being on tv for Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also fined Fred Mulch for not showing up to be a greeter - Fred commented that he did greet some of the members when he arrived!

## THANK YOU NOTE

Dear North Scott Rotarians,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to come present to your group last Friday! And thanks to those of you that decided to be "Adopt a Family" donors! I will be thinking about you tomorrow night and hope your Gala is a huge success! I love that a book will be donated in my honor to the Scott County Library. You have a lively, fun, funny, friendly, musical, and dedicated group! As I always say, Rotarians are the BEST! Your hearts are in the right place and always looking for ways to do good in the world.

Thanks again,

Paula Kreiter Turelli, Family Resources

## ROTARY BOOKS ON DISPLAY

As you all know, for each speaker we purchase a book and donate to the Scott County Library. Deb Petersen saw quite a few of these books on display recently. She reported that many were checked out, which is great!



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