



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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THIS FRIDAY'S UPCOMING PROGRAM

Mike Paustian Speaks on Agriculture

We hope you all had a great holiday break and we can't wait to see you back at the Hilton Garden Inn this Friday at Noon!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM RECAP

Holiday Party Fun!

Even though it wasn't part of the program, it's worth mentioning **Kelly Meyer** had koozies that she presented to members.

- Most likely to get sassy with Santa: **Deb Peterson**
- Most likely to get lit: **Tyler Bindrum**
- Most likely to blame the elf: **Jeff Ashcraft**
- Most likely to be on the naughty list: **Jack Schinckel**
- Most likely to make the elves blush: **Pat Olsen**

Our program was lead by club members looking to share the holiday spirit. **Paul Holzworth** began with a trivia question asking the members how many total gifts are given on the Twelve Days of Christmas? **Dick Cole** quickly, and correctly, responded 364.

There were many who participated in the ugly sweater contest, judged by **Tyler Bindrum** and **Tom Messer**. **Scott Garvin** and **Theresa White** were the winners, each receiving a roll of Christmas toilet paper, courtesy of **Tracy Lindaman**.

Each table participated in a Christmas Carol trivia, coordinated by **Paul Holzworth**. The winning table included **Tracy Lindaman, Kelly Meyer, Danielle Hines, Jennifer Kress, and Mindy Leahy**.

Paul and Marguerite then wrapped up our lunch with several Christmas carols sung by all.
Program Recap provided by Mindy Leahy



CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Jan 9th: Dick Cole and Marty O'Boyle
Jan 23rd: Josh Koerperich and Jan Touney
Jan 30th: Pat Olsen and Tracy Lindaman

NEWSLETTER:

Jan 9th: Sam Culver
Jan 23rd: Drew Wilson
Jan 30th: Becky Bray

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jan 9th: Sean Eckhardt
Jan 23rd: Ross Paustian
Jan 30th: John Maxwell

PIANO:

Jan 9th: TBA
Jan 23rd: Tewanta Lopez
Jan 30th: Marguerite Holzworth

SONG LEADERS:

No assignments

INSPIRATION:

Jan 9th: Jill Grunwald
Jan 23rd: Sean Eckhardt
Jan 30th: Stephanie Eckhardt

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fri, Jan. 9th:** Board Meeting 10:30 Hilton Garden Inn
- Fri, Jan. 9th :** Mike Paustian Agriculture related, arranged by Tony Knobbe
- Fri, Jan. 16th :** No noon meeting, 5:30 pm holiday party at Buzzy's in Welton
- Fri, Jan. 23rd :** Mike Zapolski from Augustana College discussing College Sports - NIL, Transfer Portal, etc. arranged by Tony Knobbe
- Sat, Jan 24th:** Special Olympics Basketball Skills – 9 am at North Scott Junior High
- Fri, Jan. 30th :** 7:20 am Friendly Friday NSJH
- Fri, Jan. 30th :** Membership Development Committee Presentation
- Fri, Feb 6th:** TBA arranged by Marcia Brandt
- Fri, Feb 13th:** Miss Iowa, Lydia Fisher and Valentines Days Meeting
- Fri, Feb 20th:** TBA arranged by Scott Case
- Fri, Feb 27th:** Tony Knobbe and Greg Schaapveld discussing Artificial Intelligence

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brad Nielsen: January 10th
Sean Eckhardt: January 15th
Eric Langan: January 17th
Jim Koehler: January 21st
Amy Thompson: January 21st
Maria Bribriescio: January 25th
Rily Grunwald: January 28th

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on December 19 was 42 members and 3 guests. Attending on Zoom was **Steve Suiter**. Guests were: Scott Garvin, guest of **Greg Schaapveld**, Jean Schinckel, guest of **Jack Schinckel** and Geri Thronson, guest of **Paul Thronson**. **Kelly Meyer** was the sergeant and collected \$40 in fines.

President Deanna gave the inspiration, thanking all NS Rotary members and that they are the inspiration and a huge 'Hat's Off!' for all that we have accomplished this year.

A reminder from **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** to enjoy and a big thank-you for the many holiday treats that members brought to the meeting.

MEETING RECAP

Pat Olsen gave an update on the holiday food gift baskets. Many Rotarians helped Thursday evening to deliver and distribute 75 baskets to at-risk students and their families in the Davenport School District. Those who attended commented on how it was an amazing and rewarding experience. All help is needed for the next delivery of another 130 baskets on Saturday, December 20th .

Jill Grunwald shared information about the upcoming holiday party. It will be held on Friday, January 16th at Buzzy's Tap in Welton, IA. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., food available beginning at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Full dues members are covered; it will be \$20 for each guest. Entertainment TBD. Please sign up at the next meeting, January 9th , or let Deb know if you will be attending.

Kelly Meyer spoke about the upcoming Special Olympics Basketball Skills event on January 24th at the Junior High in Eldridge. Many helpers are needed, put the date on the calendar for you and your family members to come be part of a rewarding event! We will meet at 9am at the North Scott Jr. High gym. The skills events begin at 9:30am and should be completed by 11:30am. Watch for signups on the tables in January.

Holiday treat bags are available on the table in the entrance and are \$3 each. **Jan Touney** shared that these are being sold as a fundraiser for second semester Interact Club students.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shared a thank you from Family Resources and their Adopt A Family program. They were able to help 900 families this season. Thank you also to **Nathan Kessler** who is on the Family Resources Board.

Reminder to all to keep Teri Wittkowski's family in your thoughts and prayers. Her services were held Saturday, December 20th .

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shared that former member Jimmy Holt's downtown Barrel House restaurant had a fire and will be at least a month before re-opening. She encourages members to visit the other Barrel House locations, as the downtown location employees are working at the other locations. A go fund me account has also been started for the employees.

On ugly sweater day, **Tony Knobbe** shared a story of his son when he was younger digging through Tony's closet. Tony asked why, his son replied, "It's nerd day, dad!"
notes submitted by Mindy Leahy

FRIENDLY FRIDAY



Mike Zimmer, Tracy Lindaman, (Mrs. Clause) Jill Grunwald, Theresa White, Gracie, Joe Stutting, Deb Peterson, Scott Garvin and (Santa) Dale Grunwald attended the final Friendly Friday of 2025 at the NS Junior High!

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

North Scott Rotarians raised enough funds at our gala this year to provide *over 200 holiday food baskets* to families in need. We had a fantastic group show up to help deliver or distribute! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed time or donations to this project!



“Ugly” Sweater Contest



Participating in the “Ugly” Sweater Contest were Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Theresa White, Tracy Lindaman, Marcia Brandt, Drew Wilson, Deb Peterson, Joe Stutting, Scott Garvin, Mark Mommsen, Ardita Grunwald, and Bill Hoover.



Below our leader **Deanna** showed us her love for Christmas trees!



Above **Drew Wilson** wanted to show off his holiday reversible vest!



The “Ugly” Sweater winners were **Theresa White** and **Scott Garvin**.

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**: DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com **AND Katie White**: krdown4@gmail.com

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION DATES (2025 Anniversaries)

1973-79 (2)

Rob White, 48 years (November 1977)
Bob Bainter, 46 years (February 1979)

1980-89 (3)

Scott Case, 45 years (May 1980)
Dick Cole, 34 years (1986-89, March 1994)
*Pat DeLuca, 23 years (1987-2001, July 2014)

1990-99 (15)

Jim Smith, 35 years (March 1990)
Charlie Jones, 34 years (June 1991)
*Merle Anderson, 33 years (December 1992)
Steve Powell, 32 years (January 1993)
Roger Amhof, 30 years (February 1995)
Eddie Newman, 30 years (September 1995)
Jim Koehler, 30 years (December 1995)
Jeff Ashcraft, 23 years (1996-2008, July 2014)
Anita Wubbena, 29 years (December 1996)
Steve Fahrenkrog, 27 years (June 1998)
Becky Bray, 27 years (December 1998)
Kelly Meyer, 26 years (April 1999)
Jack Schinckel, 26 years (April 1999)
Sheila Volrath, 26 years (October 1999)
Hank Runge, 26 years (December 1999)

2000-09 (16)

John Maxwell, 25 years (December 2000)
Jeff Helms, 25 years (December 2000)
Bradley Burt, 22 years (January 2003)
Fred Mulch, 22 years (June 2003)
Leroy Paustian, 21 years (June 2004)
Kim Wilkins, 20 years (January 2005)
Eric Langan, 20 years (February 2005)
Jody Johnston-Mohr, 20 years (July 2005)
Richard Golinghorst, 20 years (July 2005)
Glenn Eakes, 19 years (January 2006)
Cody Allen, 19 years (January 2006)
Richard Horst, 19 years (March 2006)
Paul Kalainoff, 19 years (July 2006)
*Chris Connolly, 19 years (October 2006)
Tom Messer, 17 years (March 2008)
Jeremy Kaiser, 17 years (May 2008)

2010-19 (32)

Ryan Varner, 15 years (October 2010)
Marty O'Boyle, 15 years (October 2010)
Lori Rochau, 15 years (November 2010)
Jerry Coussens, 14 years (January 2011)
Marcia Brandt, 14 years (August 2011)
Seth Porter, 14 years (August 2011)
Nathan Kessler, 13 years (January 2012)
Pat Olsen, 13 years (February 2012)
Greg Schaapveld, 13 years (April 2012)
Paul Holzworth, 13 years (April 2012)
Todd Gullickson, 13 years (April 2012)
Terry Kishiue, 13 years (June 2012)
Josh Cobie, 12 years (March 2013)
*Richard Pokora, 12 years (March 2013)
*Joe Stutting, 11 years (August 2014)
Tricia Kane, 11 years (September 2014)

Deb Peterson, 11 years (September 2014)
Jan Touney, 9 years (January 2016)
Donald Sierk, 14 years (1980-85, June 2016)
Tyler Bindrum, 9 years (June 2016)
Chris Cournoyer, 8 years (May 2017)
Tracy Lindaman, 8 years (September 2017)
Matt Maiers, 7 years (February 2018)
Tony Knobbe, 7 years (May 2018)
Ryan Johnson, 7 years (June 2018)
*Deanna Jensen-Valliere, 7 years (July 2018)
Heather Wagner, 7 years (November 2018)
Brian Ritter, 6 years (January 2019)
Diane Papke-Cole, 6 years (March 2019)
Jason Happel, 6 years (March 2019)
Sara Somsy, 6 years (April 2019)
Theresa White, 6 years (August 2019)
Dwayne Anderson, 6 years (November 2019)

2020-present (35)

*Mahesh Sharma, 5 years (February 2020)
Brad Nielsen, 5 years (February 2020)
Mindy Leahy, 5 years (April 2020)
Danielle Hines, 4 years (April 2021)
Ken Rohwedder, 4 years (October 2021)
Catherine Meinsma, 3 years (January 2022)
Drew Wilson, 3 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Rick Willows, 3 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Brian Sheedy, 3 years (April 2022)
Katie White, 3 years (April 2022)
Ross Paustian, 3 years (July 2022)
Mitch Amhof, 3 years (August 2022)
Matthew Russ, 3 years (September 2022)
Dale Grunwald, 3 years (November 2022)
Jill Grunwald, 3 years (November 2022)
*Sean Eckhardt, 3 years (December 2022)
*Stephanie Eckhardt, 3 years (December 2022)
Jordon Williams, 2 (January 2023)
Mark Harvey, 2 years (March 2023)
Paul Thronson, 2 years (March 2023)
Rily Grunwald, 2 years (March 2023)
Ardita Grunwald, 2 years (March 2023)
Kerri Hurning, 2 years (May 2023)
Dr. William Hoover, 2 years (September 2023)
Carrie Keppy, 2 years (November 2023)
Jennifer Kress, 1 year (March 2024)
Bryan Bolin, 1 year (June 2024)
Samantha Culver, 1 year (July 2024)
Amy Thompson, 1 year (October 2024)
Michael Bristley, 1 year (November 2024)
Mike Zimmer (March 2025)
Josh Koerperich (April 2025)
Maria Bribriesco (May 2025)
Kay Pence (June 2025)
Mark Mommsen (October 2025)

(*) Years in Rotary Club(s) other than North Scott not included.