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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
January 14th, 2026 Edition

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NO NOON MEETING THIS FRIDAY

Holiday Party - Friday January 16th - 5:30pm

See details and list of members planning to attend on Page 3 of newsletter.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM RECAP

Mike Paustian - Water Quality and Agriculture in Iowa

Local sixth-generation farmer Mike Paustian joined our Rotary club to share insights on the relationship between agriculture and water quality in Iowa. Farming north of Walcott, Mike began by outlining Iowa's agricultural landscape, noting that 85% of the state's land is used for agriculture. Iowa leads the nation in the production of hogs, corn and eggs, and ranks second in soybean production. To help frame the conversation, he addressed several common misconceptions, including the belief that urban yards and golf courses are major contributors to nutrient runoff. While they do play a role, Mike explained that they make up only 3% of Iowa's land.

He discussed both state and national water quality concerns, including past nitrate-related water rationing by Des Moines Water Works and the Gulf Hypoxic Zone, where excess nutrients carried by the Mississippi River reduce oxygen levels in the water. Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy, launched in 2013, has shown progress, though results vary due to changing weather patterns.

Mike also dispelled the myth that Iowa is "drowning in manure", explaining that 50 million tons of manure fertilize just 17% of cropland. On the Paustian farm, nutrient stewardship is central, using the right source, rate, time, and placement to keep nutrients on the land. Their conservation practices include waterways, grass borders, terraces, no-till methods, cover crops, and saturated buffers - one of which recently tested at just 2 mg/L of nitrate, well below the EPA drinking water standard.

Mike closed by emphasizing his commitment to leaving the land better for the next generation. He welcomes questions at mike.paustian@gmail.com.

Program Recap provided by Sam Culver

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Jan 23rd: Josh Koerperich and Jan Touney
Jan 30th: Pat Olsen and Tracy Lindaman

PIANO:

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

NEWSLETTER:

Jan 23rd: Drew Wilson
Jan 30th: Becky Bray

SONG LEADERS:

Jan 23rd: Drew Wilson
Jan 30th: John Maxwell

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jan 23rd: Ross Paustian
Jan 30th: John Maxwell

INSPIRATION:

Jan 23rd: Sean Eckhardt
Jan 30th: Stephanie Eckhardt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Drew Wilson

Fri, Feb 13th: Miss Iowa, Lydia Fisher and Valentines Days Meeting

Fri, Feb 20th: TBA arranged by Maria Bribriesco

Fri, Feb 27th: Tony Knobbe and Greg Schaapveld discussing Artificial Intelligence

Fri, Mar 6th: TBA

Fri, Mar 13th: TBA

Fri, Mar 20th: TBA

Fri, Mar 27th: Rotary Foundation Day

Fri, Apr 3rd: Youth Day

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on January 9th was 59 members and 4 guests. Attempting to attend via zoom were **Theresa White** and **Dwayne Anderson**. Guests were: Mike Paustian, the speaker; Scott Garvin, guest of **Greg Schaapveld**; Jon Looney, guest of **Sam Culver** and future District Governor from Kewanee, IL and Marlo Beard, guest of **Ardita Grunwald**. **Sean Eckhardt** was the sergeant and collected \$81 in fines. **Jeff Helms** announced the birth of twin grandbabies in AZ and gave \$200 to the Educational Fund. **Sean Eckhardt** gave \$59 for his birthday on January 15.

Jill Grunwald gave the inspiration, sharing fun facts about a deck of cards. Did you know the 52 cards in the deck represent the weeks in the year? The four suits are the four seasons, the two colors are day and night, along with several other facts.

A reminder from **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, with January 11th recognized as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and noted the I-74 bridge is lit blue in observance.

MEETING RECAP

Pat Olsen shared that the Empowering Abilities annual trivia night will be held on Friday, January 16th. Teams consist of eight people, tables cost \$160, and proceeds directly support Empowering Abilities and the individuals they serve.

Tyler Bindrum announced two upcoming events for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The BIG Experience has been rescheduled for January 20th at Ed White Elementary from 10:55am to 12:15pm, where Rotarians are invited to join students for lunch, games, and information about BBBS programs. Tyler also shares that the BBBS Putt-A-Round will take place February 5-7th at the River Center, with seven volunteer shifts available.

Kim Wilkins was thanked for driving **Jack Schinckel** to the meeting.

John Maxwell shared that **Leroy Paustian** has been experiencing vertigo but is improving.

Tony Knobbe announced that he will be retiring from his position as Scott County Treasurer at the end of the year.

Rily Grunwald shared that Lost Oasis held its first semi-public event, which was successful, and donated part of the proceeds to the Hudson Strong Foundation.

Dick Cole noted that the Quad-City Times published an article on the origins of 6-7.

Paul Kalainoff shared that one North Scott student and one St. Ambrose student (brother and sister) will serve as RYLA leaders this summer, and high school students can sign up for RYLA 2026. Contact Paul with any questions.

Mike Zimmer shared that his wife's mother recently passed away and expressed gratitude for the in-home hospice care she received.

Paul Holzworth shared that his youngest brother recently lost his wife and several family members are traveling to support him.

Jeff Ashcraft was inducted into the Eldridge City Council.

Heather Wagner was promoted to Director Of Operations at her workplace.

Look for Facebook page for Sterling, IL noon Rotary Club. **Kelly Meyer** gave a program there last week. You can find a description/picture of her program.

notes submitted by Sam Culver

North Scott Rotary Holiday Party

Our holiday party will take place of the noon meeting this Friday, January 16th. The party will be held at Buzzy's Tap in Welton, IA. Doors will open at 5:30pm and food will be served at 6:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by Buddy Olsen.

Rotarians and Guests attending:

Mitch & Natalie Amhof
Maria Bribresco (Marty & Bonnie)
Diane & David Cole
Chris & Connie Connolly
Sean & Stephanie Eckhardt
Steve & Tammy Fahrenkrog
Rich & Mary Golinghorst
Ardita & Rily Grunwald (Tony & Cory Gerks)
Dale & Jill Grunwald
Paul & Marguerite Holzworth
Paul & Susan Kalainoff
Tony & Lorene Knobbe
Josh Koerperich (Brylee)
Jen & Jeff Kress
John & Joan Maxwell
Tom & Diana Messer
Fred Mulch & Nancy Kime
Marty & Trish O'Boyle
Ross & Carol Paustian
Kay & Mike Pence
Deb Peterson
Richard Pokora
Steve & Bonnie Powell
Jack & Jean Schinckel
Jim Smith & Jean Moffit
Sara Somsy
Deanna & John Valliere
Katie & Randy White
Theresa & Bob White
Jordon Williams & Abby Ill
Mike & Tammy Zimmer

Thank you:

Dear Rotarians,
Thank you for the sympathy card and Deb P. for you very kind words.

Teri loved picking out music, practicing, and then playing for your group. I always asked if she was going to throw in a Beatles tune for Kim Wilkins.

Thank you for your generous gift which will support a music education scholarship at Wartburg College in Teri's memory. I am truly grateful for you kindness and prayers.

~Bill Wittkowski

Special Olympics Basketball Skills

Kelly Meyer provided information about the Special Olympics Basketball Skills event happening on Saturday, January 24th at the North Scott Junior High. Volunteers are still needed, and those participating should arrive at 9:00am., with skills events beginning at 9:30am. If you would still like to sign-up contact Kelly.

Rotarians currently signed-up:

Sean, Stephanie & Addison Eckhardt
Tracy Lindaman
Tom Messer
Kelly Meyer
Marty O'Boyle
Joe Stutting
Heather Wagner + Kids
Katie, Owen & Neva White
Kim Wilkins
Jordon Williams

Thank you from Family Resources

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shared that the Family Resources Adopt-A-Family program was able to support 270 families and sent a thank you for the family North Scott Rotary supported this holiday season.



If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**:
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AND Katie White: krdow4@gmail.com

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Daniel A. Whalen (*).....1973-74	Jeffrey Helms2016-17
C. John Pheiffer (*)1974-75	Dennis W. Peterson (*)2017-18
Kenneth J. Mundt (*)1975-76	Jeffrey Ashcraft2018-19
Roger D. Burt1976-77	Jeremy Kaiser2019-20
G. Eugene Kimble (*)1977-78	Bradley Burt, D.C.2020-21
David A. Stephens (*)1978-79	Patrick Olsen2021-22
Richard A. Froeschle (*)1979-80	Josie Cochuyt2022-23
James E. Campbell1980-81	Tracy Lindaman2023-24
Rev. Ronald Jespersen (*)1981-82	Greg Schaapveld2024-25
Walter Fahrenkrog (*)1982-83	Deanna Jensen-Valliere.....current
Roy B. Keppy (*)1983-84	
Thomas Robinson1984-85	(*) Deceased
H. Ronald Frogley, D.C. (*)1985-86	
Thomas Otting1986-87	
Gene Schneckloth (*)1987-88	
J.B. Straley (*)1988-89	
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Scott C. Kurtz2007-08	
Gary Lynch (*)2008-09	
Charles I. Briegel (*)2009-10	
Charlie Jones2010-11	
Becky Bray2011-12	
John D. Maxwell2012-13	
Steven G. Suiter2013-14	
Steven Fahrenkrog2014-15	
Glen L. Keppy (*).....2015-16	