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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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UPCOMING PROGRAM

Elizabeth Marner with Be A Light Project

Arranged by Josh Koerperich

The Be A Light Project Newsletter



Building Hope Through Community Outreach & Mental Health Services

Why Community Outreach Matters

Mental health touches every family, but in rural communities the challenges can feel heavier. Long drives to clinics, limited providers, and fear of stigma often keep people from getting the help they need. That's where community outreach comes in. Outreach means showing up in familiar spaces—schools, churches, and local events—to open the conversation, break stigma, and connect people to resources.

Public Services + Outreach = Stronger Together

- Public Services bring professional care: counseling, crisis support, and treatment.
- Community Outreach builds the bridge: trust, awareness, and prevention.

Together, they create a stronger safety net. Outreach encourages people to take the first step, and public services ensure professional care is available when needed.

The Role of The Be A Light Project

The Be A Light Project, Inc. is dedicated to advancing brain health in rural communities. We:

- Provide free outreach events and education
- Share tools that make it easier to talk about mental health
- Build connections between families and available resources
- Lead with compassion, speaking a language that small towns understand

By blending outreach with public services, we are helping create communities where people feel less alone and more supported.

How You Can Help

- Show Up → Attend events like our Suicide Prevention Walk.
- Start Conversations → Talk openly about mental health with family, friends, and neighbors.
- Support the Mission → Volunteer, donate, or share our message.

Together, we can bring light into the places that feel forgotten.

The Be A Light Project, Inc.
Bringing hope, education, and connection to rural Iowa.

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

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

North Scott Rotary's Membership Committee Chairs - Tracy Lindaman, Jeff Ashcraft and Pat Olsen

Tony Knobbe introduced the Membership Committee Chairs to give an update to help clarify the membership process and to enhance engagement and transparency.

Membership trends show that we are currently at 104 members. We ended previous years at 109 and 110. However, the committee stressed that we don't just want members for the sake of growing. It's important that we are introducing quality prospective members to the club, that we're mutually a good fit.

Our numbers show we've had 40 members leave in the past 5 years. What's interesting is that 29 of those members were with the club for less than 5 years. To break it down further; 5 left within their first year, 14 within the second year and ten in year 3-5. After year five a member typically stays for good.

So the question is, why do members leave so early? It could be due to a job change or relocation. In our case it seems more likely a lack of engagement or wrong fit.

What can we do to help? First, if we have a prospective member put them to the four-way test. Do they have the qualities to be a good member, do they value acting ethically, being respectful, helping others? Can they realistically make it to meetings? Are they financially able to afford membership? (See attached Prospecting Checklist on Page 3 of newsletter).

If the answer to those questions is YES, then invite them to a meeting. Hopefully, they will want to return. They will need to attend three meetings BEFORE being proposed for membership. After joining, their sponsor should mentor them, all other Rotarians should welcome, and committee chairs should reach out and encourage them to join committees.

One note - those running for political office will not be allowed to join during their election race. Once the election is over, they are able to join.

At the end of the presentation, Brad Burt motioned that we slightly change the bylaws to state the membership committee will do the classification rather than the Board, there will be seven days for objection posted in the newsletter and that first quarter dues are to be collected prior to becoming a member. Previously, it was posted for seven days but did not state it would be in the newsletter and we did not require the dues ahead of time. Kelly Meyer seconded the motion. The rest of the club voted unanimously and the motion passed.

Program notes by Danielle Hines.

North Scott Rotary Prospecting Checklist

1. Character & Values

- Ethical and trustworthy
- Respectful, positive attitude
- Team-oriented,

2. Community & Service Mindset

- Cares about improving the community
- Has a heart for service
- Shows interest in helping others

3. Professional & Leadership Strength

- Brings useful skills or expertise
- Demonstrates leadership or potential
- Reliable with commitments

4. Social Fit

- Interacts well with others
- Contributes to a positive club culture
- Comfortable in diverse groups

5. Participation Ability

- Can attend meetings consistently
- Can join service projects
- Can engage in occasional events

6. Financial Readiness

- Can manage dues
- Comfortable with occasional costs
- Happy to pay their Sergeant-at-Arms fines

7. Ambassador Potential

- Represents Rotary well
- Likely to speak positively about the club
- Could help attract future members

Prospect Assessment

- **14–18 checks** → Strong Rotarian prospect
- **9–13 checks** → Good candidate with support
- **0–8 checks** → Keep relationship warm, not ready yet

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - UPDATED!!

Fri, Feb 6th: Elizabeth Marner with Be a Light Project arranged by Josh Koerperich

Fri, Feb 13th: 10:30 am Board Meeting

Fri, Feb 13th: Valentine's Day Meeting - Miss Iowa - Lydia Fischer. Also Drew Wilson and the Chordbusters will be performing. (Bring your significant other - MUST sign-up!!!)

Fri, Feb 20th: Joey Donia - Sports Director from KWQC arranged by Scott Case

Fri, Feb 27th: 7:30 am Friendly Friday NSJH

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

Fri, Mar 6th: TBA arranged by Rily Grunwald

Sat, Mar 7th: Euchre night for Rotary - See sign up Pg 8

Fri, Mar 13th: 10:30 am Board Meeting

Fri, Mar 13th: Bethany Services arranged by Deanna J-V

Fri, Mar 20th: 10:30 am Program Committee meeting

Fri, Mar 20th: TBA arranged by Drew Wilson

Fri, Mar 27th: 7:30 am Friendly Friday NSJH

Fri, Mar 27th: Michelle Juerhing - Bix 7 Race Director arranged by Stephanie Eckhardt

Fri, Mar 28th: D6000 Grant Management Seminar

Fri, Apr 17th: Lancer Productions presents "The Addams Family"

Fri, May 8th: Rotary Foundation Day

Fri, May 15th: Youth Day

Fri, May 22nd: No meeting - Memorial Day

Thurs, Jun 25th: President Installation Party

Fri, Jun 26th: No meeting

Thurs, Jul 30th: Corn Boil

Fri, Jul 31st: No meeting

MEETING RECAP

Brad Burt shared he just received a patent pending status for an AI biomechanics chiropractic software.

Stephanie Eckhardt encouraged us all to check out Alice in Wonderland by Lancer Productions this weekend.

Matt Russ shared that he and his wife are expecting their 2nd child this May, another girl!

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on January 30th was 51 members and 2 guests. Guests were AG Doug Peterson from Rotary Club of Iowa Quad Cities and Barb Jacobsen, guest of **Maria Bribriesco**. Attending via zoom were **Samantha Culver, Steve Fahrenkrog, Jody Johnston-Mohr, Tricia Kane, Kay Pence** and **Steve Suiter**.

John Maxwell was the sarge and collected \$141 in fines.

Stephanie Eckhardt gave a great inspiration, using a kite as an example of the importance of collaboration.

Kelly Meyer thanked those that volunteered at Special Olympics last Saturday. She said it was a great event and they even finished early! Next up will be softball in April, she'll keep us updated when she has the date.

John Maxwell shared that we are moving Rotary Reads from John Glenn to Ed White. This year we will be reading to 3rd graders on Tuesdays at 12:15. Sign up sheets will be on tables. See sign-up sheet on Page 5 of the newsletter.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere reminded us to sign up for the Valentine's Day meeting so we can ensure we have enough food and that the room is opened if we need to make it bigger. PLEASE SIGN UP EVEN IF NOT BRINGING GUEST! Sign up by Monday - February 9th at 2:00pm. List of current sign-ups on Page 6 of newsletter.

Deanna also shared the Rotary Leadership Institute is April 11th-12th at Drake University.

Paul Kalainoff mentioned that we are looking for applications for RYLA. Please encourage any freshmen-Junior that would be a good fit to apply.

Reminder that the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-Around is Thurs, Feb 5th. It would be great if we could get some teams together!

Pat Olsen shared that Davenport Police Chief Bladel's wife passed away unexpectedly last week. He brought a card for us all to sign to show our sympathy and support during this difficult time. He also will be planning our next Police Luncheon. Marcia Brandt has offered to sponsor. Pat will communicate the date to the club once he has it scheduled.

Ardita Grunwald mentioned Lost Oasis tubing hill will be open this weekend to the public for a fundraising event.



Rotary Club
Of North Scott

Rotary Reads 2026

Ed White School - Eldridge
Tuesday 12:15 PM Need 2 Each Week
See John Maxwell Phone 505-1652

	Rotarian Name	Telephone #	Rotarian Name	Telephone #
Feb.10				
Feb.17				
Feb.24				
Mar.3				
Mar.10				
Mar.24				
Mar.31				
Apr. 7				

Leave at meeting or send to: Rotary Club of North Scott, PO Box 52, Eldridge, IA 52748

Valentine's Day Meeting Fri, Feb 13th - Current List of

Sign-ups:

*****MUST SIGN-UP EVEN IF NOT BRINGING GUEST*****

Jeff Ashcraft
Tyler & Sammy Bindrum
Marcia & Bill Brandt
Scott & Nancy Case
Dick & Shirley Cole
Sean & Stephanie Eckhardt
Steve & Tammy Fahrenkrog
Scott & Erin Beth Garvin
Rich & Mary Golinghorst
Ardita & Rily Grunwald
Dale & Jill Grunwald
Ryan Hicks
Danielle Hines
Paul & Marguerite Holzworth
Deanna Jensen-Valliere
Ryan Johnson
Jody & Stan Johnston-Mohr
Nathan Kessler
Tony & Lorene Knobbe, Parker Zick
Fred Mulch & Nancy Kime
Marty & Trish O'Boyle
Patrick Olsen
Diane & David Papke-Cole
Leroy & Linda Paustian
Ross & Carol Paustian
Deb Peterson & Ann Hanson
Richard & Gwen Pokora
Steve & Bonne Powell
Greg & Kendra Schaapveld
Jack & Georgine Schinckel
Jim Smith & Jean Moffitt
Sara Somsy
Paul & Gerry Thronson
Katie White
Drew Wilson + 3 Chord Busters
Mike & Tammy Zimmer
Miss Iowa + chaperone

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Feb 6th: Jim Smith
Feb 13th: Brad Burt
Feb 20th: Patrick Olsen
Feb 27th: Nathan Kessler

SONG LEADERS:

Feb 6th: Jeff Ashcraft
Feb 13th: Kelly Meyer
Feb 20th: Jody Johnston-Mohr
Feb 27th: Paul Holzworth

GREETERS:

Feb 6th: Marcia Brandt and Jill Grunwald
Feb 13th: Diane Cole and Fred Mulch
Feb 20th: Mike Zimmer and Rich Horst
Feb 27th: Sean Eckhardt and Rily Grunwald

INSPIRATION:

Feb 6th: Tony Knobbe
Feb 13th: Drew Wilson
Feb 20th: Josh Koerperich
Feb 27th: Scott Case

NEWSLETTER:

Feb 6th: Mindy Leahy
Feb 13th: Bill Hoover
Feb 20th: Sam Culver
Feb 27th: Drew Wilson

PIANO:

Feb 6th: No assignment
Feb 13th: Tewanita Lopez
Feb 20th: Ron May
Feb 27th: Marguerite Holzworth

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1st - Samantha Culver
Feb 4th - Ryan Johnson
Feb 10th - Catherine Meinsma
Feb 13th - Jeff Ashcraft

BLUE BADGE

Maria Bribriesco has been active and engaged in our club since joining - earning her Blue Badge!



FRIENDLY FRIDAY

Rotarians enjoyed welcoming the NS Junior High students to school last Friday morning! Pictured below: **Jordon Willams, Diane Cole, Deb Peterson, Carrie Keppy, Theresa White, Gracie, Tracy Lindaman, Joe Stutting, Dale Grunwald** and **Scott Garvin**. Also in attendance but not in photo: **Katie White, Neva White, Logan and Levi Amhof**.



A flyer for an Euchre Tournament. The top half features a blurred background of a person's face and hands holding playing cards. The text is arranged in a structured layout with various colors and fonts. The title 'EUCHRE TOURNAMENT' is in large white letters on a red background. The date 'SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH' is in dark blue and red. The time 'FROM 6PM - 10 PM' is in red. The location 'AT THE WHITES' HOUSE' is in dark blue. The entry fee and sign-up rules are in dark blue. The contact information is in dark blue. The prizes are in dark blue. The fundraising goal is in white on a dark blue background. The proceeds statement is in dark blue on a light blue background.

EUCHRE
TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

FROM 6PM - 10 PM

AT THE WHITES' HOUSE
23555 200th AVE - DAVENPORT

ENTRY - \$10 PER PERSON
MUST SIGN UP WITH A PARTNER
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND A SNACK TO SHARE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT KATIE WHITE OR MINDY LEAHY

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!

A Fundraiser Tournament to Support the North Scott Rotary Club.

PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THE CLUB!

Sign up sheets will be on the tables at our meetings. You can also contact Katie or Mindy to sign up!!