



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
March 4th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

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Barb Jacobsen went to Wethersfield High School in Kewanee and then Augustana College in Rock Island. I got a science teaching degree with a minor in coaching. I worked at Bettendorf High School for 38 years teaching a variety of Biology classes and helping coach girls' basketball and swimming in my earlier years. I retired in 2017 and joined a club, Friendship Force of the Quad Cities. I became president (never missed a meeting!!) which I did for 5 years. Besides helping the club in a variety of ways, I teach aquatic exercise at the Bettendorf YMCA, work a couple of nights at a barbeque restaurant, help at the high school through selling tickets, scoring volleyball, proctoring ACT and AP tests. As hobbies go, I quilt, read, watch TV, and enjoy theater.

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

“What Lies Under Scott County Ground?”

– Noah Glasgow – North Scott Press

Noah Begins with a quote, “Find the cost of freedom buried in the ground.” – Stephen Stills, 1971

He continues to state, “What lies beneath our feet sets the contours for our freedoms.”



As a region rich in its history of agricultural production, life in Iowa has never gotten far from the ground. However, in our society's increased reliance on rare earth minerals to foster our battery and microchip technology, the United States Geological

Service (USGS) has endeavored to embark upon an “Earth MRI”, designed to identify existing deposits of such minerals. Much focus of this project takes place in the Mississippi River Valley, whose characteristics have been shaped over time by existence of an ancient sea bed and the impact of Ice Age era glacial activity. This has caused a formation of a layer of limestone bedrock, which has nurtured a “basinal brine” allowing the accumulation of zinc and lead deposits. The River has brought elements of magnesium, calcium and potassium from Canadian granite. These factors all contribute to conditions which the USGS wishes to understand further in its quest for continued supply of rare earth minerals.

In recent times, the questions of “What lies beneath?” has sparked health concerns for local residents in increased incidences of cancer diagnoses and neurological disorders. One potential correlation brought by scientists who have studied these phenomena stems from the existence of excess nitrates in the drinking water supply. Nitrates can be crucial to increasing crop production yields, but can become potentially harmful in the case of excessive run-off from the fields.

In a study of the drinking water of Princeton, IA, a curious case has emerged in that of the two wells from which the community draws their water source, Well #3 has tested above the minimum standard for acceptable levels of nitrates, while Well #1 has been deemed safe. What factors comprise the difference? One theory involves the presence of the Silurian Acquirer, a vast underground water source whose proximity to the surface relative to each of the wells may provide a factor in this divergence.

As a result of these findings, Well #3 has been temporarily isolated from the local water supply and the surrounding twenty acres of crop land has been removed from production while the effects are studied. Per guidance from the State of Iowa, nitrate levels must remain below the legal threshold for twelve consecutive months before a well can be deemed safe and the water source rejoined to the drinking water supply. Continued conversation involves whether nitrates can be actively filtered from the water.

Meanwhile, eastern Iowa continues to be a prime candidate for location of AI data centers, as the needs of such facilities include natural gas supply and transmission lines for electric power production, as well as a significant water source for cooling of equipment. Recently in Maysville, developers identified a piece of property at the intersection of an existing natural gas line and transmission line – a property which can be approved based upon a single zoning change. The broader discussion of the wisdom of such a project revolves around the removal of some of the world's most productive farmland for industrial purposes, as well as the irreversible element of industrialization. In this case, the County Board successfully voted down the project.

In our region of “Silos and Smokestacks” – two elements which can be counter in the hearts of the population, these elements once again clash. Our presenter poses the question, “What is the cost of freedom?” The honor may go to the smokestack.

Meeting notes submitted by Drew Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, Mar 6th: Barb Jacobsen with Friendship Force - The Joys of Travel arranged by Maria Bribriesco

Sat, Mar 7th: Euchre night for Rotary - See sign up info in newsletter

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

Fri, Mar 13th: Greg Keller with QC Back the Blue Flight, Inc 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 NS Junior High

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

Sat, Mar 28th: D6000 Grant Management Seminar

Fri, Apr 3rd: Tammy and Kelly Rundle with Fourth Wall Films arranged by Maria Bribriesco

Fri, Apr 10th: Gina McCullough with Bi-State Metro Trans-Authority arranged by Tony Knobbe

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

Fri, Apr 24th: Aaron Dunlap with US Army Corp of Engineers arranged by Rily Grunwald

Fri, May 1st: TBA

Fri, May 1st and Sat May 2nd: District 6000 Conference, see registration info on Pg 4

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

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on February 27th was 55 members and 4 guests. Noah Glasgow, speaker and guest of **Tony Knobbe**. Marguerite Holzworth, our pianist and guest of **Paul Holzworth**. Dave Borchering, from Iowa QC Rotary and Jentz Matzen, guest of **Scott Garvin**. Attending via zoom were honorary members, both in FL, **Duncan Cameron** and **Steve Suiter**, **Carrie Keppy**, and **Tricia Kane**.

John Maxwell collected \$51 in "fun fines" as sarge.

Inspiration provided by **Scott Case**, who reminds us: "No person is a failure who has friends.", "The three stages of life are learning, earning, and returning.", and to "Take us, mold us, and use us to your service."

Deanna thanked Ron May for coordinating access to the keyboard used at meetings.

John Maxwell announces spots available for Rotary Reads – Tuesdays at Ed White School. Reach out to John if you would like to sign up.

Katie White is hosting Euchre Night at her home March 7th. Proceeds going back to Rotary. Contact Katie if you would like to sign up.

Pat Olsen provided update on last week's Davenport Police Luncheon and mentioned there will be one more in April and two in May.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shows off the newly shined bell, courtesy of the handiwork of **Tony Knobbe**, and revealing an inscription dating from the initial formation of the club in 1973.

Paul Holzworth encourages us to "Talk into the mic", in a non-critical, but yet somewhat spicy fashion.

Scott Case announces the Eldridge Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner Friday Feb 27th.

Ardita Grundwald announces that Hugh Harvey, whose black and white picture gallery is renowned, will be undergoing chemotherapy for cancer that has returned.

Pat Olsen thanks **Greg Schaapveld** for his ability to provide computer captioning of our audio for those that might not be speaking into the mic – sounds like some spicy criticism?

Tricia Kane is again absent due to a broken ankle.

Special welcome to Lieutenant Governor **Chris Cournoyer**.

Recap notes by **Drew Wilson**

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mar 6th: Kelly Meyer
Mar 13th: John Maxwell
Mar 20th: Ross Paustian
Mar 27th: Sean Eckhardt

GREETERS:

Mar 6th: Mitch Amhof and Ken Rohwedder
Mar 13th: Mindy Leahy and Jim Smith
Mar 20th: Marty O'Boyle and Dick Cole
Mar 27th: Stephanie Eckhardt and Jan Touney

NEWSLETTER:

Mar 6th: Becky Bray
Mar 13th: Mindy Leahy
Mar 20th: Bill Hoover
Mar 27th: Katie White

SONG LEADERS:

Mar 6th: Drew Wilson
Mar 13th: John Maxwell
Mar 20th: Jeff Ashcraft
Mar 27th: Kelly Meyer

INSPIRATION:

Mar 6th: Theresa White
Mar 13th: Becky Bray
Mar 20th: Scott Case
Mar 27th: John Maxwell

PIANO:

Mar 6th: None
Mar 13th: Tewanta Lopez
Mar 20th: Ron May
Mar 27th: Marguerite Holzworth

Current Rotary Reads Sign Ups:

Mar 10th:

Chris Connolly
Jordon Williams

Mar 24th:

Diane Papke-Cole
Tracy Lindaman
Matt Maiers
Jordon Williams

Mar 31st:

Matt Maiers
Theresa White and Gracie
Jordon Williams

Apr 7th:

Carrie Keppy
Tricia Kane
Jordon Williams

March Birthdays:

3rd - Ross Paustian
7th - Ryan Hicks
9th - Brad Burt
10th - Joe Stutting
16th - Charlie Jones
18th - Sheila Volrath
24th - Josh Koerperich
27th - Seth Porter
29th - Carrie Keppy
30 - Matt Maiers



The Object of Rotary:

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster”

First The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;

Fourth The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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

Your paragraph text



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!!

*****Jacob Cutts - a PV sophomore and Interact student reached out and wanted to share a flier for a fundraiser he is holding for students in Uganda. He is reaching out to all local Rotary Clubs.*****



SAFE SPACES

COMMUNITY DINNER

KEEP UGANDAN KIDS SAFE IN SCHOOL

**Come eat a delicious dinner and support a great cause!
Help Pleasant Valley students doing service in/for Uganda.**

Where: Cunnick Collins Event Center (1200 E 39th Street Davenport, Iowa 52807)

When: Friday March 6th from 6:00–8:00 PM

Admission: FREE! Please donate what you feel able to help us meet our goal.

Please RSVP if possible (for food planning): use the QR code to the right or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/pvugandadinner>



Hi, I'm Jacob Cutts, a PV High School sophomore. In March, I'll be traveling to Uganda with my mom, a maternal-child nurse, to support children and families. While she continues her work to save pregnant women and newborns, I will partner with Ugandan students to help build a communal kitchen. The kitchen will allow students to bake and sell nutritionally improved baked goods at school — helping them pay school fees, stay in school, and improve student health. Learn more about what I am doing: www.keepkidssafeinschool.org

I am working to raise \$6,500 to support this project, and PV students from the high school, junior high, and Forest Grove Elementary School are helping host a community benefit dinner to reach this goal. We are **servicing delicious food (including vegetarian and halal options) generously provided by Bridges Catering, MozBites Food Truck, I Love Fu Fu, and Cookies and Dreams**. There will be beautiful artwork, Ugandan music, and a family-friendly presentation about Uganda and what we will be doing. All ages welcome and encouraged to attend. We will even be joined remotely by some of our Ugandan colleagues!

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	
Robert H. Lage (*)1989-90	
Richard J. Blanche1990-91	
Jack D. Darland1991-92	
Jerry L. Vollbeer (*)1992-93	
Robert B. White1993-94	
Wayne W. Jugenheimer1994-95	
William F. Tubbs (*)1995-96	
Pascal V. DeLuca1996-97	
Robert K. Bainter1997-98	
John C. Barker, M.D. (*)1998-99	
Merle L. Anderson1999-00	
Carl G. Stigdon2000-01	
James J. Smith2001-02	
R. Scott Case2002-03	
Robert A. Fox2003-04	
James J. Rastrelli2004-05	
Thomas A. Yates2005-06	
Anita L. Wubbena, D.C.2006-07	
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	