



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
March 11th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Flying High with Purpose

The mission of Quad City Back the Blue Flight is to support and Honor Law Enforcement Officers of the Quad Cities area, active and retired by facilitating 1 day round trip flights to Washington, DC. We will also include a family member from a local Officer killed in the line of duty. Some of the sites we will be visiting are the National Police Officers Memorial Wall and museum, honoring our local fallen Officers, The Capital, National Spy Museum, and other historical sites. We will also be educating the public on local Law Enforcement concerns, and a continued support for our Officers and future flights.



Greg Keller
President of the Board

Our Mission

Our goal is to transport as many working and retired law enforcement officers to Washington D.C. to visit the national Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Wall as possible. This one day trip will include a chartered flight from the Quad City International Airport, busing to the memorial and many other historical sites, meals, and much more. Most importantly, the law enforcement officers who dedicated their lives to protecting their communities will be honored and able to honor their brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

***If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines:**
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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

thefriendshipforce.org



Maria Bribriesco introduced Barb Jacobsen with Friendship Force. This is an organization that hosts people from other countries and also takes trips to those countries. She got involved and was shortly elected vice-president when she missed a meeting. She encouraged all not to miss meetings!

The group hopes to help people understand that we are more alike than we are different. They hope to aid understanding rather than misconceptions and ultimately help to make war less likely. They are on 6 continents and they explore, understand and serve.

President Carter gathered governors together and that was how the US part of the organization began. Then a Japanese businessman gave substantial support and it grew. Friendship Force was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Iowa's clubs are in Quad Cities, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids and Ames.

Barb shared that locally they hold LEO meetings, standing for "Let's Eat Out." They also hold Tri Nights featuring culture, food and fun.

Barb shared pictures and stories of the places she has visited. They include Iceland, Germany, Cobus (East Germany) Varel, Poland, Quebec City, Croatian, Albania, Bosnia, Sarajevo, Serbia, Winnepeg, New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia.

~Notes submitted by Becky Bray

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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: Luke Ferris and Brad Simmons from Modern Mining speaking about Bitcoin 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

Deanna thanked **Jeff Ashcraft** for bringing club presidents together on a monthly basis when he was an assistant governor and acknowledged **Pat Olsen** for continuing the practice.

Fred Mulch said he had tickets to March Madness in Chicago and would only be using his Friday tickets. He offered T-W-Th tickets to others.

John Maxwell announced that Cinnamon Ridge cheese would now be sold at the Quad City River Bandits.

Maria Bribriesco announced that she had two granddaughters wrestling at the state meet in Cedar Rapids and would be visiting family in San Padre the week after that.

Recap by Becky Bray

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on March 6th was 52 members and 3 guests. Guests were Barb Jacobsen, the speaker, Jeff Kaczunski, President of Iowa QC Rotary and Maitlyn Saunders, guest of **Kerri Hurning**. Attending via Zoom were **Tricia Kane, Dwayne Anderson, Jody Johnston-Mohr** and **Katie White**.

Kelly Meyer was the sergeant and collected \$42 in fines. She first thanked the club for expressions of sympathy on the death of her father-in-law. She also thanked **Paul Holzworth** for last week's lesson on speaking into a microphone. She remembers learning that holding it in front of you is like holding an ice cream cone. Holding it up to your mouth is using it as a microphone so you can be heard.

A past award from the Holiday party was given to **John Maxwell** for person "most likely to drink milk." John auctioned off tickets to the auto show this weekend. **Brad Burt** bought them all for \$50 in honor of his 50th birthday and said anyone could have them if they liked.

Kelly fined all those at the birthday table who did not have a birthday and discovered the only one with a birthday was a guest. She also fined **Paul Kalainoff** for his integrity award, **John Maxwell** for selling cheese to the ballpark and **Maria** for her trip to San Padre because she "had family there!" Everyone was fined if they were not wearing blue.

Deanna announced she was wearing blue in honor of Rotary on "international dress in blue" day.

John Maxwell encouraged sign-ups for Rotary Reads.

We are collecting backpacks with the Interact Club.

Euchre night is Saturday at **Katie White's** home.

Drew Wilson requested help organizing volunteers for the John Deere Classic.

Deanna announced the board meeting for March 13 is at 10:30 and welcomed any members to attend. She also asked that anyone interested in the Rotary Leadership Institute to see her for details.

Deanna announced that the District Conference will be May 1-2 in Coralville. **Paul Kalainoff** is our winner of the Guardian of Integrity Award. Paul received a standing ovation of congratulations from the club. He will be honored at the conference.

Jack Schinckel shared an article from the paper from Helmut Edelmann and noted that as a German, Helmut still feels regret for WWII. He is anxious to converse with any fellow Rotarians. Dr.h.edelmann@googlemail.com

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

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

PIANO:

Mar 13th: Tewanita Lopez
Mar 20th: Ron May
Mar 27th: Marguerite H.

SONG LEADERS:

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

NEWSLETTER:

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

INSPIRATION:

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

GREETERS:

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

ROTARY READS SIGN UPS

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



Deanna Jensen-Valliere attended the fundraising dinner on Friday evening for "Keep Ugandan Kids Safe in School." She was lucky enough to sit with **Dick and Shirley Cole**. If you didn't have a chance to read the flyer in last week's newsletter, Jacob Cutts is a PV High School sophomore and he and his mother are traveling to Uganda to work on his project (this Thursday). His mother is a maternal-child nurse and has been going to Uganda for about 20 years. The evening was very nicely done and this young man is quite impressive, even building his own website to highlight his project. Included is the link to his website, which includes a donation page to help with this project. He has a goal of raising \$6831.83 and he is currently at \$5993.00. Our Club already does so much and is a very giving Club. The goal is to bring awareness to his project and the great work he is doing. www.keepkidssafeinschool.org



FRIENDLY FRIDAY

Friday February 27th, Rotarians gathered at the NS Junior High to welcome the students to school. Those in attendance were **Tracy Lindaman, Scott Garvin, Jan Touney, Joe Stutting, Deb Peterson, Sean Eckhardt, Stephanie Eckhardt, Levi Amhof, Logan Amhof, Katie White, Neva White, Jill Grunwald, Theresa White, Gracie and Mike Zimmer.**



EUCHRE FOR ROTARY NIGHT

Saturday March 7th, Rotarians and friends came together at the White's garage for a night filled with cards, fun and fellowship! All proceeds were donated to NS Rotary. Rotarians playing (or spectating) were **Mitch Amhof, Mark Harvey, Mindy Smith, Katie White, Becky Bray, Kay Pence, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Jill Grunwald, Dale Grunwald, Deb Peterson, and Ann Hanson** (friend of NS Rotary).





**PAUL KALAINOFF IS THE ROTARY CLUB
OF NORTH SCOTT'S NOMINEE FOR THE
2026 PAUL E.
HELLWEGE GUARDIAN OF INTEGRITY
AWARD.**

Paul will be honored at the D6000 Conference on May 1, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Coralville, Iowa.

Nomination Letter:

Paul joined North Scott Rotary in 2006 and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. He is the club's Youth committee chairperson, which is responsible for recruiting RYLA students and pursuing any interest local students may have to become an outbound Youth Exchange student. He also participates in activities related to youth in the local elementary schools such as Rotary Reads, currently to third graders, and dictionary distribution to all fourth-grade students in eight schools every fall.

Paul and his wife Susan have hosted three exchange students and have been counselors to numerous others over the years, which they stay in contact with.

Since 2014, Paul has served as the outbound coordinator of the Youth Exchange committee for District 6000 and helps place youth desiring the experience to spend a school year abroad. This involves open communication with Youth Exchange leaders in various countries. He is also the D6000 chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee.

Paul was the first ever manager of the Bonanza Restaurant in Davenport, Iowa. After that, Paul and his son Eric founded Kalainoff Construction in 1995. He is a very hard worker and over the years has done many home repairs and remodeling in numerous North Scott area homes. Even though Paul is mostly retired, he still helps his son with installation work of Pella Windows.

Paul also helps his brother, David Kalainoff, manage several family farms in Uruguay, South America. Cali Verde Angus Farms and Winery have sheep, chickens, beef cattle, and many acres of grapes. In recent years they have begun to bottle their own wine. Needless to say, Paul spends many weeks working there every year.

With all these pursuits and interests you can see why Paul is a great candidate for this award.