



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
March 18th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Luke Ferris is a 38-year-old seasoned entrepreneur who launched his first venture at 18 and has never looked back. Today, he owns and operates a thriving crypto mining facility across three locations, blending innovation with hands-on leadership. Outside of work, Luke is deeply passionate about his family, exploring the great outdoors, and tackling projects that let him work with his hands.

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?

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Greg Keller was our guest speaker and presented information about the effort to raise funds for the Quad City Back the Blue Flight. Greg began his career as a Davenport police officer in 1990 and is now retired. A few years ago, after a tragic event where four officers were killed in Charlotte, NC, and there was little news on the incident, he felt that something needed to be done to help recognize officers. He immediately thought of the Honor Flight and recognizing veterans and wanted to do something similar but with retired law enforcement officers.



Greg Keller
President of the Board

After presenting to local police and sheriff unions and gaining their overwhelming support, he went to Washington D.C. and met with representatives and staff of the National Police Officers Memorial Wall and Museum. Shortly after, a board of directors and 501c3 non-profit was formed.

The inaugural Back the Blue Flight is booked for September 9, 2026. There will be 75 retired officers from the QC area being escorted by 75 active officers. In addition, there will be 4 Gold Star seats that are reserved for families of officers killed in duty in the QC area. They will fly to Washington D.C. for one day. The trip will include a ceremony at the National Police Officers Memorial Wall honoring the four Davenport officers who were killed in the line of duty that are memorialized on the wall. Other locations they will visit are the National Spy Museum and a local police precinct in the DC area. They are looking forward to community support to honor and recognize those on the flight when they return.

The cost for one flight is \$150,000 and they are half-way to their goal. Donations can be made, with information on their website, at qcblueflight.org.

The hope is that this grows and that more flights are scheduled, as well as hope that this spreads nationwide. The profession is under strain with a shortage of new applicants. Funding received for the 501c3 is also going to be used to help with community education initiatives, youth outreach and career awareness to inspire future officers.

Notes by Mindy Leahy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Bribiesco
Fri, Apr 10th: Gina McCullough with Bi-State Metro Trans-Authority arranged by Tony Knobbe
Sat, Apr 11th: 9:00am Special Olympics Track and Field at NS Junior High
Fri, Apr 17th: Lancer Productions presents "The Addams Family"
Fri, Apr 24th: 7:20am Friendly Friday at NS Junior High
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

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

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on March 13 was 42 members and 6 guests. Bettendorf Rotarians attending were Penny McGimpsey, Marcia Erickson and Jake Eikenberry. Greg Keller and Sergeant Josh Paul with the Bettendorf Police Department were the speakers. Also attending was Jen Olsen, guest of **John Maxwell**. Attending via Zoom were **Dwayne Anderson, Duncan Cameron, Jody Johnston-Mohr, Tricia Kane, and Steve Suiter**. Also on zoom for a brief minute were **Fred Mulch** and **Patrick Olsen**, at an Illinois basketball game.

John Maxwell was the sarge and collected \$37 in fines. He began by saying that a good sarge never fines himself! Those fined included Picker Packer **Paul Holzworth** and all at his table, those traveling to warm places for spring break, **Kay Pence** for finally earning her blue badge, **Jen Kress** for being a UNI fan, the Bettendorf Rotary guests, **Jim Smith** and **Paul Thronson** for being in the paper for the school airplane build, and **Chris Connolly** for showing up.

Becky Bray gave the inspiration, sharing a story about a little girl, before sharing one of her apples, she took a bite out of each. The lesson behind the bite, do not judge others based on their actions without considering their motivations or circumstances. All the little girl wanted was to give the best apple to her mother. Take a moment to appreciate the complexity of human behavior and approach situations with a more open-minded and understanding perspective.

Kay Pence was presented with her blue badge after attending Friday's board meeting, her last requirement to earn that badge.

Chris Connolly provided information on the upcoming Foundation Day, May 8. Contact Chris or Deb to see where you are on reaching the next level for Paul Harris Fellowship, matching funds are available.

John Maxwell thanked all who have been participating in Rotary Reads. He has received many compliments and thank-you's from the school.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere had a shout out to the weekly setup and teardown crew. Thank you **Marty O'Boyle, Paul Holzworth, Dick Cole, and Jordan Williams**.

Euchre tournament was great! Eleven Rotarians participated, and many friends and family. Over \$400 was raised for Rotary. Thank you to **Katie White** for hosting, and **Mindy Leahy** for helping. Look for more social events like this in the future.

If interested in attending the District 6000 Conference, reach out to **Deanna or Deb**. **Paul Kalainoff** will be recognized as our Guardian of Integrity recipient at the conference.

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mar 20th: Ross Paustian
Mar 27th: Sean Eckhardt

PIANO:

Mar 20th: Ron May
Mar 27th: Marguerite H.

SONG LEADERS:

Mar 20th: Jeff Ashcraft
Mar 27th: Kelly Meyer

GREETERS:

Mar 20th: Marty O'Boyle and Dick Cole
Mar 27th: Stephanie Eckhardt and Jan Touney

INSPIRATION:

Mar 20th: Scott Case
Mar 27th: John Maxwell

NEWSLETTER:

Mar 20th: Bill Hoover
Mar 27th: Katie White

Paul Kalainoff spoke about the upcoming summer Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) experience. Leaders for the week are needed. Contact Paul if interested.

Kelly Meyer reminded everyone of the upcoming Special Olympics Track and Field on Saturday, April 11th. Watch for signups, lots of help is needed.

Jennifer Kress reminded Rotarians to sign up to volunteer at the John Deere Classic, and that as a volunteer, you receive a pass to attend any other day of the classic, which includes the days that the Concerts on the Course are held. This year, Carrie Underwood will perform on Saturday, July 4 and Old Dominion on Sunday, July 5.

Paul Holzworth spoke about gardening season being right around the corner, and that he is also known as "Pickle Packer Paul", canning around 70 quarts of pickles each year. He has ordered 250 of his special pickle seeds and has some available. See Paul if interested.

Penny Guenther with the Bettendorf Rotary Club welcomed all to their club's Lobster Fest on Friday, June 12th. She also invited all to attend Pints for Polio, Friday, March 27th from 5-7pm at Harringtons Pub in Bettendorf. Rotarians will be guest bartenders.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere shared a Map of Rural Iowa Road Trips, which points out authentic Iowa experiences. This year's map includes Cinnamon Ridge Farms. John Maxwell, that will be a dollar!

Recap by Mindy Leahy

[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.