



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
March 25th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM



**QUAD-CITY TIMES BIX: SEVEN EVENTS.
FOUR DAYS. ONE COMMUNITY.**

**QUAD-CITY TIMES BIX 7 - RACE DIRECTOR
MICHELLE JUEHRING**

Michelle Juehring is the Race Director of the Quad-City Times Bix 7, a world-class race now in its 52nd year. With more than 23 years of experience in race operations, sponsorships, and event management, she has helped lead the Bix in hosting both RRCA State and National Championship races—and in 2026, the Bix will host the PRRO World Championships.

Her career spans sports, business, and community, with roles in Game Day Operations and Group Sales with the Continental Basketball Association, marketing with Lee Enterprises and the Quad-City Times, and serving as a Children & Family Ministries coordinator.

Michelle was named the 2025 Road Race Management Race Director of the Year and is a two-time QCBJ Iowa's 500 Most Influential Business Leader. A lifelong endurance athlete, she has completed 27 marathons and the Wisconsin Ironman—and lives by her favorite mantra: "Forward is forward."

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



Brad Simmons and Luke Ferris of Modern Mining, a Bitcoin Mining company, gave a presentation about Bitcoin mining. (Their talk was arranged by Drew Wilson.)

Bitcoin Overview:

- Bitcoin was invented due to the 2008 financial crisis.
- It is digital money which can be spent instantly without a third party. It allows direct transfer of money.
- There is no bank or government control. Individuals must protect their own money through privacy.
- Bitcoin is the original (first) crypto currency. It is the most secure and largest internet (crypto) network available. The network itself and the miners result in the security.
- The first purchase was in 2010 for two pizzas costing 10,000 bitcoin.

How it works:

The blockchain is like a giant public record book or ledger that anyone can read but which no single person can secretly change. Every transaction is recorded permanently, with thousands of computers having identical copies.

What is Mining?

"Mining" functions as a digital security guard service that keeps Bitcoin honest. It verifies transactions, bundles them into blocks, and adds them to the chain. A global lottery occurs every 10 minutes. The first computer to find the winning number adds the next block to the chain and gets paid. There is a strict mathematical limit to the supply of bitcoin. It will never exceed 21 million in total--ever. There is a four year halving cycle for mining and the last bitcoin will be mined in the year 2140.

Six attributes make Bitcoin the "Best Money Ever:"

Scarcity, divisibility, no inflation due to printing extra money, portability (unlike gold, for example, which is really heavy), durability (on thousands of computers; won't rust or decay), verifiability.

Getting Started:

Bitcoin ETF's; trusted apps (eg. Coinbase); hardware wallet/
Start small and invest only what you can afford to set aside.

A question and answer session followed. Bitcoin mining apparently helps keep energy prices low because such operations use the excess power from energy companies, and unlike data centers, these mining operations can be shut down when energy demand peaks.

The machines generate a lot of heat and people are starting to use water to cool them. This cuts noise (no cooling fans) and generates hot water that can be used for heating floors, etc.

Notes by Bill Hoover

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Bribriescio

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

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on March 20 was 45 members and 4 guests. The guests were Ron May, pianist, Luke Ferris and Brad Simmons, the speakers and Brylee Koerperich. Attending via Zoom were **Dwayne Anderson, Duncan Cameron, and Charlie Jones.**

Ross Paustian was the sarge and collected \$48 for his game about March Madness.

Scott Case gave the inspiration. Certain positive people remind Scott of useful words to use in conversation: Joy, Love, Hope, Amazing, Gratitude, Inspires, Bliss, Wonderful, Radiate, Resilient. Also, do the best you can until you learn about something better, then do that.

Theresa White reminded everyone this Friday the 27th is Friendly Friday at the Junior High. Be there by 7:20am. We will be handing out erasers to the students.

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.

Kelly Meyer said Special Olympics Softball Toss will be Saturday April 11th. We'll meet at 9:00-9:15 am. Many people needed. Sign up starting next week or email Kelly.

Deanna said the Rotary Leadership Institute in Des Moines will be April 11th and 12th. Talk to Deanna if interested.

May 1st and 2nd will be the District 6000 Conference in Coralville. **Paul Kalainoff** will be honored with the Guardian of Integrity Award (along with winners from other clubs) at this event.

July 21st - 31st is RYLA in Grinnell. Contact **Paul Kalainoff** if interested.

Recap by Bill Hoover

ROTARY READS SIGN UPS

Mar 31st:

Matt Maiers

Theresa White and Gracie

Jordon Williams

Apr 7th:

Carrie Keppy

Tricia Kane

Jordon Williams

CLUB SERVICE

PIANO:

Mar 27th: Marguerite Holzworth
Apr 3rd: Bluetooth Speaker
Apr 10th: Tewanta Lopez
Apr 17th: Bluetooth Speaker
Apr 24th: Marguerite Holzworth

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mar 27th: Sean Eckhardt
Apr 3rd: Jim Smith
Apr 10th: Nathan Kessler
Apr 17th: Kelly Meyer
Apr 24th: Brad Burt

INSPIRATION:

Mar 27th: John Maxwell
Apr 3rd: Jill Grunwald
Apr 10th: Sean Eckhardt
Apr 17th: Stephanie Eckhardt
Apr 24th: Dick Cole

SONG LEADERS:

Mar 27th: Kelly Meyer
Apr 3rd: Jody Johnston-Mohr
Apr 10th: Paul Holzworth
Apr 17th: TBD
Apr 24th: TBD

GREETERS:

Mar 27th: Stephanie Eckhardt and Jan Touney
Apr 3rd: Jody Johnston-Mohr and Patrick Olsen
Apr 10th: Rich Horst and Dale Grunwald
Apr 17th: Marcia Brandt and Fred Mulch
Apr 24th: Diane Papke-Cole

NEWSLETTER:

Mar 27th: Katie White
Apr 3rd: Sam Culver
Apr 10th: Drew Wilson
Apr 17th: Becky Bray
Apr 24th: Mindy Leahy



Spring Break Fun!



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.