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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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UPCOMING PROGRAM

**Gena McCullough with
Bi-State Regional
Commission**

Gena McCullough represents Bi-State Regional Commission as Deputy Director. She has been with the organization since 1988. Bi-State Regional Commission is the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) for Quad Cities-Davenport-IA/IL Urbanized Area, as well as the Regional Planning Agency for a two-state, five-county and 50+ municipality area in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. Ms. McCullough, is a certified planner (AICP) and involved in planning activities related to urban and regional multi-modal transportation, air quality, solid waste management, riverfront development, community development and healthy communities, land use and environmental planning. She received a Bachelors Degree in Geology and a Masters in Geography from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and certificate in public management with Northern Illinois University. She represents Illinois on the National Association of Development Councils – RTPO Council Member Chair (2008-Current). Ms. McCullough participated in a Rotary Young Professionals Exchange in the 1990s to the Uttar Pradesh, India.

Bi-State Regional Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). MPOs are tasked with preparing a Long Range Transportation Plan every five years for metropolitan planning areas. The Commission received a comprehensive overview of the Thrive 2055: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan and adopted the plan at their March 2026 meeting. Bi-State staff worked with the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Technical and Policy Committees over the last 24-months to draft an update. Chapters are available for public viewing on the Bi-State website: <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/lrtp-and-pms>. The plan address travel needs and desires in the Quad Cities, and supports opportunities for funding as projects move from concept to construction.



The 4-Way Test *of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

No cash? No problem! Scan below to send \$ to @NSRotary via Venmo.



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Kelly and Tammy Rundle with Rotarian Maria Bribiesco

KELLY AND TAMMY RUNDLE FOURTH WALL FILMS



Future Rotarian Sasha Grunwald held the Rundle's Emmy Award!

Maria Bribiesco welcomed filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle of Fourth Wall Films with a simple truth: stories bring people together. It's a philosophy the husband-and-wife team has built a career around. Founded in Kansas City and later based in Los Angeles for nearly two decades, Fourth Wall Films has now found its permanent home in the Quad Cities, where the Rundles continue to spotlight the Midwest's rich and often overlooked history.

Since beginning their filmmaking journey in 1993, Kelly and Tammy have produced 23 films, many of which air on WQPT-PBS. Their work has earned them five Emmy Awards and five additional nominations. (They even brought an Emmy to the meeting!). Although they prefer to "let the films do the talking," their passion for rural and small-community stories came through clearly.

Rotarians viewed clips from two of their notable projects. Resurrecting Forest Grove chronicles the seven-year restoration of a one-room schoolhouse in Bettendorf, a project the Rundles began to show what can happen when history is neglected. They also shared scenes from their Hero Street series, which honors the eight young men from a single street in Silvis who lost their lives in World War II and the Korean War — more war casualties from one street than anywhere else in America.

Kelly reflected on their years in the film industry and how it reinforced their commitment to telling meaningful stories independently. Their newest project, Peshtigo: American Firestorm, will explore the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history.

Learn more or stream their films at FourthWallFilms.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, Apr 10th: 10:30am Board Meeting
Fri, Apr 10th: Gena 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: Kelly Winquist with KW Fiduciaries arranged by Marcia Brandt
Fri, May 1st and Sat May 2nd: District 6000 Conference
Fri, May 8th: 10:30am Board Meeting
Fri, May 8th: Rotary Foundation Day, program will be future District 6000 Governor Gretchen Nollman
Fri, May 15th: Youth Day
Fri, May 22nd: No meeting - Memorial Day
Fri, May 29th: 10:30am Program Committee Meeting
Fri, May 29th: TBD arranged by Scott Case
Fri, Jun 5th: Sara Cross with First Tee arranged by Stephanie Eckhardt
Fri, Jun 12th: 10:30am Board Meeting
Fri, Jun 12th: Lara with Bethany Homes arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere
Fri, Jun 19th: TBD
Thurs, Jun 25th: President Installation Party
Fri, Jun 26th: No meeting
Sat, Jul 11th: Moonlight Chase waterstop at Linda Tubb’s house
Thurs, Jul 30th: Corn Boil
Fri, Jul 31st: No meeting

***If you have something you’d like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines:** DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com
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MEETING RECAP

Attendance on April 3 was 50 members and 8 guests. The guests were Kelly and Tammy Rundle, the speakers, Marty Larson, Bonnie Patton and Anthony Bribriesco, all guests of **Maria Bribriesco**. Additional guests were Sasha Grunwald, guest of **Rily and Ardita Grunwald**, Abby Ill, guest of **Jordon Williams** and Addison Eckhardt, guest of **Sean and Stephanie Eckhardt**. Attending via Zoom were **Dwayne Anderson, Duncan Cameron, and Tracy Lindaman**.

Jim Smith was the sarge and collected \$68 in fines. He fined members for things such as having their red badge, not participating in Rotary Reads, being an Iowa fan, being an Iowa State fan, or rooting for any team at all in the NCAA tournament.

Jill Grunwald shared a reflection on weather predictions. She brought a potato and a Farmer’s Almanac with her, and noted that Good Friday was the traditional day to plant potatoes in her family. In German folklore, the weather from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday is believed to predict the weather for each season.

John Maxwell shared that Rotary Reads is every Tuesday at Ed White at 12:15pm. There are only a couple of weeks left.

RYLA is coming up on July 25–31 at Grinnell College. We are still accepting applications for RYLA, so please share this opportunity with people you know. See info in newsletter.

Jeff Ashcraft shared that the Community Needs grant cycle is open until May 1. The application is on our website. Please submit an editable PDF via email.

Kelly Meyer reminded everyone that the Special Olympics track and field event is on Saturday, April 11. Please arrive at 9:00 am at North Scott Junior High. There are over 120 participants, and more volunteers are needed. See sign ups in newsletter.

Special Olympics Sign Ups

Dale & Jill Grunwald
Ryan & Hannah Hicks
Stephanie & Addison Eckhardt
Glenn Eakes
Bill Hoover
Marty O'Boyle
ADG Doug Peterson
Kim Wilkins
Jordon Williams
Maria Bribriesco
Carrie Keppy
Steve Powell
Kelly Meyer

CLUB SERVICE

INSPIRATION:

Apr 10th: Sean Eckhardt
Apr 17th: Stephanie Eckhardt
Apr 24th: Dick Cole

PIANO:

Apr 10th: Tewanta Lopez
Apr 17th: Bluetooth Speaker
Apr 24th: Marguerite Holzworth

SONG LEADERS:

Apr 10th: Paul Holzworth
Apr 17th: Drew Wilson
Apr 24th: John Maxwell

GREETERS:

Apr 10th: Rich Horst and Dale Grunwald
Apr 17th: Marcia Brandt and Fred Mulch
Apr 24th: Mike Zimmer and Sean Eckhardt

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Apr 10th: Nathan Kessler
Apr 17th: Kelly Meyer
Apr 24th: Brad Burt

NEWSLETTER:

Apr 10th: Drew Wilson
Apr 17th: Becky Bray
Apr 24th: Mindy Leahy

Rotary Foundation Day is on May 8. Please contact **Chris Connolly** or **Deb Peterson** with any questions.

Deanna reminded us that the District 6000 Conference is on May 1 and 2. See sign up information in newsletter.

Deanna mentioned there will be a volunteer opportunity on Tuesday, April 14th from 1-5pm at Project Renewal. More info to come.

Paisley Paws (an organization that provides financial assistance for pet owners experiencing financial hardship) is hosting a music trivia fundraiser with Whitehaven Vet Center at the Walcott American Legion on Saturday, April 11th at 6pm.

Fred Mulch and Pat Olsen gave shout-outs to the University of Illinois and Michigan basketball teams for making it to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

Paul Kalainoff shared there will be a benefit for a NS grad and local builder/farmer, Jerry Tobin, on Saturday May 2nd at Rustic Ridge from 2-6pm.

Sean Eckhardt shared Addison's golf season kicks off on April 13th.

Meeting recap by Sam Culver



Rotarian Jeff Helms and his wife Mindy met up with former member Bob Fox and his wife Carol in Arizona. They had a terrific time catching up and comparing notes on grandkids!



Our 4 newest students at the ICWAC recently received a new bed, mattress, and bedding. Prior to receiving their new bed, they slept on a mat on a dirt floor. Now, all 62 of our students have a bed to sleep in. These beds are made possible due to the generosity of Rotarians in the Catalina Rotary Club of Tucson and the Tipton Rotary Club.

I'm told the beds hardly have time to cool off, as often times their siblings are found sleeping in them. Can you imagine sleeping in a bed for the first time?

Our hope is that Caregivers will try to generate income so they can add other beds to their homes.

Our older girls also received personal hygiene items due to the generosity of Katie White of North Scott Rotary. Without the hygiene items, girls typically miss school once they begin their menstrual cycle.

FYI - The toilet at our Center has been updated and made handicapped accessible. Also, the roof on the Center classroom has been replaced, including new bricks and mortar on the upper portion that had started falling apart. The roof trusses were all replaced as well as the metal roof.

Sponsors provide funds for tuition, school supplies, clothing and other items. But, it requires funding from Rotary Clubs and individuals to pay for repairs, maintenance and other assets such as computers, cameras, etc needed to operate the Imbabazi Center for Women and Children in Kisoro, Uganda.

Thank you to all. You are making positive differences...

Merle Anderson

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 Foundation Matching Funds

North Scott Rotary has a proud tradition of support for programs of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. From now until **April 17th**, your gift to advance to your next level of giving will be matched.

Example 1: Your cumulative giving is \$500. Your gift of \$250 will be matched to achieve \$1,000 Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Example 2: Your cumulative giving is \$1,200. Your gift of \$400 will be matched to achieve \$2,000 Paul Harris Fellow + 1. Etc.

Club exec secretary (**Deb**) can tell you your cumulative giving total. Give your checks to Deb on or before **April 17th**.

Donors will be recognized at North Scott **Rotary's Rotary Foundation Day, May 8th**.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary Foundation Recognition Levels:

\$1,000-1,999, PHF, original PHF pin
\$2,000-2,999, PHF+1, one sapphire
\$3,000-3,999, PHF+2, two sapphires
\$4,000-4,999, PHF+3, three sapphires
\$5,000-5,999, PHF+4, four sapphires
\$6,000-6,999, PHF+5, five sapphires
\$7,000-7,999, PHF+6, one ruby
\$8,000-8,999, PHF+7, two rubies
\$9,000-9,999, PHF+8, three rubies
\$10,000-24,999, Major Donor level 1, one diamond
\$25,000-49,999, Major Donor level 2, two diamonds
\$50,000-99,999, Major Donor level 3, three diamonds
\$100,000-249,999, Major Donor level 4, four diamonds
\$250,000-499,999, Arch Klumph Society Trustees' Circle
\$500,000-999,000, Arch Klumph Society Chair's Circle
\$1,000,000+, Arch Klumph Society Foundation Circle

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International receives Charity Navigator's highest rating of 4-Stars annually for efficiency and transparency and is ranked in Charity Navigator's top 5 foundations in the world of more than 5,000 that are rated!

The Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus:

1. Maternal and Child Health.
2. Water and Sanitation.
3. Disease Prevention and Treatment.
4. Basic Education and Literacy.
5. Economic-Community Development.
6. Peace and Conflict Resolution.
7. Environment Protection.



**To register for the District 600 Conference visit
rotary6000.org/events/rotarians-doing-good-in-the-world-district-conference/**

Inspiring Speakers:

Stephanie Urchick: Past RI President, will share a perspective of the "Benefits of Rotary - Personally / Locally / Globally" on Friday night. Saturday night she will share her experiences from "Traveling the World Representing Rotary" and the "Unique Experiences and Rewarding Projects and Programs."

Tom Gump: RI Director-Elect, Friday, he will share a message on "Membership - Engaging / Retaining / Attracting Rotary Members. Saturday noon, He will share his message as our RI Director-Elect concerning "Future Outlook of Rotary."

Dr. David Moser, will speak on "Mental Wellness." He will focus on "Family Mental Wellness."

Tom Martin: Quad City Times Editor - Publisher will speak about "Changes in the Newspaper Industry and the Responsibilities to Present Unbiased Information to Create Individual Awareness." The changes in the newspaper industry correlate with changes Rotary is experiencing.

Patrick Harrison: ZONE 29 Public Image Coordinator Zones 25b & 29. He will have a General Session on "How Your Club Can Effectively Use Public Image With Your Club and In Your Community." He will also have 2 Special Sessions for specific discussions and questions.

Mason's Light House: Hear about a new initiative to build a hospice home dedicated to serving Iowa's sickest kids - an important effort we can all support.

Flight Around the Atlantic - PolioPlus – Join us for the evening as we hear from John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen about the Flight Around the Atlantic for Polio Plus.

Lots of Prizes: Lots of ways to win different prizes throughout the 2 days of the Conference.

Kentucky Derby: Kentucky Derby, with bidding and prizes for best dressed Female, Male, and Couple.



RYLA Selection Best Practices

For screening and selecting students to attend the Iowa RYLA Conference.

FIND US:

iowaryla.org

@iowaryla on Instagram and Facebook



As you work with local schools to promote the upcoming Iowa RYLA Conference, remember that your Rotary club is the sponsoring organization. **You hold the responsibility for screening, selecting, and approving each student.** Schools can help raise interest, but the decision-making and relationship-building rest with our clubs.

PROMOTION

When promoting the Iowa RYLA Conference opportunity to students at schools ask guidance counselors and administrators to allow Rotarians and past RYLA conferees to meet with students to present a program, provide them with educational materials they can share with their parents, and answer their questions.

Promote the Iowa RYLA Conference by providing promotional flyers to guidance counselors, administrators, teachers and parents. Promotional information should be included in school announcements, parent newsletters and post flyers in high-traffic areas.

Before students are approved to attend the Iowa RYLA conference, **the Rotary Club representative should interview each student to ensure they are fully qualified, well adapted to succeed in the conference** and the students and parents are fully aware of and agree to meet all expectations asked of them.

BECAUSE YOUR ROTARY CLUB IS INVESTING IN EACH STUDENT

it's essential that your members connect with the young people you sponsor. That connection is part of the RYLA experience and reinforces the values we inspire.

THE STUDENTS YOU SELECT

to attend the Iowa RYLA Conference **represent the next generation of community leaders and potentially the next generation of Rotarians.**

Your engagement now helps strengthen their journey and the future of Rotary.

