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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
April 15th, 2026 Edition

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UPCOMING PROGRAM

This Friday, April 17th, our program will feature Stacie Kintigh and the Lancer Productions Troupe with a preview of the upcoming The Addams Family Musical.



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?

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**: DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com **AND Katie White**: krdown4@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Gena McCullough with Bi-State Regional Commission



"Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan" - Gena McCullough, Deputy Director, Bi-State Regional Commission

Gena begins by recognizing her long-standing affiliation with the Rotary family, having traveled to New Dehli as a youth inconjunction with RYLA.

The region which Gena oversees includes a 5-County area including Scott, Muscatine, Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer Counties, 390 square miles. This level of study and planning constitutes a Federal Requirement of regions over 50,000 in population. The vision of this organization is to foster positive community economics by leveraging the transportation infrastructure to attract and retain business, as well as a talented workforce, focusing on elements of access, mobility and safety. This planning includes road, trail, air, rail, and existing and future land use, while soliciting public input in assistance to local municipalities.

Bi-State identifies the top regional employers as: Deere - 6700; RI Arsenal - 6300, Unity Point - 6100, Mercy One - 4700, Arconic - 3100, Tyson - 2400, Amazon - 1500, Tri-City Electrical - 1200, and Isle of Capri - 900. The Quad Cities region includes 5000 lane miles of road and funnels \$5-6 million per year in Federal grant money to local projects. The Commission measures traffic count on the Mississippi River bridges (quiz - can you name them?) and provides assistance in prioritizing projects based on criteria including pavement condition.

The region includes three different municipal fixed-route transit systems, comprising of a collective 93 buses and 3 water vessels. These systems provide over 3 million rides annually, down from the pre-pandemic high of 5.3 million rides in 2014. This trend largely mirrors that which has been experienced on transit systems nationwide, with factors including increased work from home. The commission has requested an overall investment of \$326 million through 2055 (a \$3.62 public subsidy per ride, by my math).

In addition to the roughly 200 miles of bikeways currently in use in the region, the Commission advocates for an additional 374 miles, with an estimated cost of \$153-\$265 million. Updates on plans to bring passenger rail to the QC Region remark that the project stands at 30% completion of engineering design. Total regional investment in infrastructure including Passenger Rail, Air Services, River Navigation and Ports, as well as Freight Rail are expected to total more than \$6.8 billion in private and public funds through 2055.

Meeting notes submitted by Drew Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Fri, Apr 24th: 7:20am Friendly Friday at NS Junior High School

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

Wed, May 6th: 1:00pm Community Grant Committee Meeting at Empowering Abilities Hickory Grove Office

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: 7:20am Friendly Friday at NS Junior High School

Fri, May 29th: 10:30am Program Committee Meeting

Fri, May 29th: Bill Collins - Years in Downtown Davenport 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 Ingram with Bethany Homes arranged by Deanna Jensen-Valliere

Fri, Jun 19th: University of Northern Iowa - 150 Anniversary arranged by Chris Cournoyer

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

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on April 10th was 52 members and 8 guests. Guests were Gena McCullough, the speaker, Billy Collins, guest of **Jim Smith**, Jacob Hunter and 5 students from the North Scott High School FFA organization. Attending via Zoom were **Dwayne Anderson, Merle Anderson, Jody Johnston-Mohr, Charlie Jones, Tracy Lindaman** and **Steve Suiter**.

Nathan Kessler was sarge and collected \$63 in fines.

Inspiration provided by **Sean Eckhart**, who reminds us that growth comes from challenges. That progress is not necessarily loud, nor obvious. Sometimes it is quiet, and that we can choose to learn, grow, and move forward with purpose.

Kelly Meyer announces the upcoming Special Olympics event in Eldridge

Jan Touney announces that the club is accepting applications for RYLA.

Sarah Somsy has opened the application process for Community Needs Grants.

Kim Wilkins provides updates on Project Renewal, upcoming opportunities to volunteer.

Chris Connolly announces the annual Paul Harris Foundation program scheduled for 5/8. Reach out to Chris or Deb for info on reaching you next Paul Harris.

Billy Collins, guest of **Scott Case**, threatens that his program is upcoming.

Recap by Drew Wilson

CLUB SERVICE

PIANO:

Apr 17th: Bluetooth Speaker
Apr 24th: Marguerite Holzworth

INSPIRATION:

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

SONG LEADERS:

Apr 17th: Drew Wilson
Apr 24th: John Maxwell

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Apr 17th: Kelly Meyer
Apr 24th: Brad Burt

GREETERS:

Apr 17th: Marcia Brandt and Fred Mulch
Apr 24th: Mike Zimmer and Sean Eckhardt

NEWSLETTER:

Apr 17th: Becky Bray
Apr 24th: Mindy Leahy

Special Olympics Softball Toss

The Special Olympics Softball toss was held at North Scott Junior High Saturday, April 11th. The following Rotarians were in attendance: Jeff Ashcraft, Kelly Meyer, Kim Wilkins, Carrie Keppy, Jill Grunwald (Marissa and McKinley Grunwald), Marty O'Boyle, Bill Hoover, Ryan Hicks (Hannah Hicks), Jen Kress, Glenn Eakes, Stephanie Eckhardt (Addison Eckhardt), Heather Wagner (Maci Wagner), Steve Powell, Jordon Willams (Abby Ill).



Rock Steady Boxing!



Steve Powell smiling alongside Marcia Brandt while having fun at the Rock Steady Boxing program through MercyOne Genesis. The mission of Rock Steady Boxing program is to equip our affiliates and empower the coaches to improve the quality of life of people with Parkinson's disease through a non-contact, boxing-based fitness curriculum.



On Friday, we also had a special presentation by the North Scott FFA Club, nicknamed by Faculty Director Jacob Hunter "The All Star" group, ranked among the top ten FFA programs nationally. Presentation of Parliamentary Procedures , or "Roberts Rules", by Molly Moes, Max VanOrsdell, Owen Klinkenberg, Onna Jones, and Arabella Miller.



Dick Cole shared a blast form the past - a 1951 yearbook from Marycrest!



Gracie brought her "resume" to Rotary Reads at Ed White.



Rotarians Theresa White, Gracie ad Matt Maiers read to 3rd graders at Ed White as part of the Rotary Reads Program.



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.**



Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel
and Conference Center
May 1-2, 2026

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

**Instructions: Go to Home Page
Right side – District events (2nd one down) District Conference
Register (to attend)
Friday eve only \$65
Check out –
Will need to enter credit card number, etc.
You will receive an email receipt.**

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.

