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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
April 22nd, 2026 Edition

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UPCOMING PROGRAM

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Aaron Dunlop assumed the duties of Operations Manager, Mississippi River Project, Rock Island District in 2015. His responsibilities include oversight of all field operations for the Mississippi River Project's Navigation Business Line including 314 miles of river at 12 Lock and Dam Sites, Channel Maintenance, Maintenance / Repair Fleets (7 Towboats, 4 crane barges (including the Quad Cities Heavy Lift Crane, a 500 ton regional asset and the largest heavy lift crane on the Mississippi River)), Environmental Stewardship, and Recreation across the Project's multiple features (locks, dams, channels, lands, forests, campgrounds, boat ramps, etc.). The Project includes over 300 employees and regularly executes over \$100M in funding through both in-house workforce and contracted work annually. Aaron is also Rock Island District's Navigation Business Line Manager with overall budgetary responsibility averaging over \$150M annually.

In 2010 he spent 13 months in Afghanistan serving as the Deputy Brigade Engineer for Army Sustainment Command, 401st Army Field Support Brigade which required oversight of over \$250M worth of facility construction at Forward Operating Bases across the country. Prior positions held include:

- Acting Chief, Operations Division, Rock Island District, July-October 2022
- Acting Chief, Operations Division, St. Paul District, January-April 2020
- Chief, Maintenance Section, Mississippi River Project, Rock Island District
- Military Construction Program Manager, Installation Management Command, Rock Island, IL
- Special Assistant to the Commander (LTG Stroock), USACE HQ - Washington, DC
- Deputy Director Public Works (DPW), US Army Europe - Heidelberg Germany
- Structural / Civil Engineer and Project Engineer, USACE - St. Paul District

Aaron is a registered Professional Engineer in both Iowa and Minnesota. He has received numerous civilian achievement awards including; (2) U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Awards and (4) Commander's Awards for Civilian Service. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Structures from the University of Minnesota. Most importantly, he enjoys time with his wife Natalie and two young daughters, Norah and Liza. They live in Davenport, IA and enjoy traveling to visit family and friends across the United States.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Above: Last Friday we had the pleasure of watching the Lancer Productions troupe perform scenes from *The Addams Family* musical.

Left: Grady, who plays Uncle Fester in the show, had not one, but multiple look-a-likes at Rotary!

To buy tickets to the show, see the website above!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Mon, Apr 27th: 1:00pm Humility Homes and Services - packages for veterans

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

Fri, Sep 11th: Golf outing

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on April 17th was 46 members and 15 guests. Guests were Pat Sierk, guest of **Don Sierk**, Addison Eckhardt, guest of **Stephanie Eckhardt**, Tushar Patel and Bettendorf Rotarian Ken Vandersnick, both guests of **Deanna Jensen-Valliere** and **Jen Kress**. Also attending were Stacie Kintigh, Lancer Productions Troupe leader and 10 students from The Addams Family Musical Production. Attending via Zoom were **Dwayne Anderson** and **Jody Johnston-Mohr**.

Kelly Meyer was sarge and collected \$87 in fines, which included \$20 from **Jordon Williams** to advertise the LeClaire Firefighters Spaghetti dinner last Saturday. Kelly also fined **Danielle Hines** for cracking a short joke, **Drew Wilson** for the tempo glitch of the song and **Paul Holzworth** for talking during the reflection. **Jeff Ashcraft** was fined for his Uncle Fester joke, **Pat Olsen** for the Michigan win and all tables for failing Addams Family Trivia.

Stephanie Eckhardt gave a reflection about the importance of the theater experience for high school students, noting skills such as confidence, communication, creativity, problem solving and time management.

Theresa White reminded everyone of Friendly Friday April 24th at 7:20am. We will be handing out red and silver beads.

Deanna J-V and Chris Connelly promoted RYLA to members and student guests. Chris also mentioned the matching fund opportunity for the foundation.

Jeff Ashcraft said he would send an email with a link to purchase new items of Rotary apparel.

Deanna asked everyone to vote on the 7 areas of focus for Rotary.

Drew Wilson appreciated help from White Roofing at his home and also advertised his upcoming show.

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Apr 24th: Mike Zimmer and Sean Eckhardt
May 1st: Jill Grunwald and Marty O'Boyle
May 8th: Stephanie Eckhardt and Ken Rohwedder
May 15th: Diane Papke-Cole and Jan Touney
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Roger Amhof and Dick Cole

SONG LEADERS:

Apr 24th: John Maxwell
May 1st: Jeff Ashcraft
May 8th: Kelly Meyer
May 15th: Jody Johnston-Mohr
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Paul Holzworth

PIANO:

Apr 24th: Marguerite Holzworth
May 1st: Bluetooth speaker
May 8th: Tewanta Lopez
May 15th: Ron May
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Marguerite Holzworth

INSPIRATION:

Apr 24th: Dick Cole
May 1st: Tony Knobbe
May 8th: Drew Wilson
May 15th: Theresa White
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: TBD

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Apr 24th: Brad Burt
May 1st: Sean Eckhardt
May 8th: Patrick Olsen
May 15th: Ross Paustian
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: John Maxwell

NEWSLETTER:

Apr 24th: Mindy Leahy
May 1st: Bill Hoover
May 8th: Sam Culver
May 15th: Drew Wilson
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Becky Bray

Deb Peterson encouraged purchases of plants from Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kelly Meyer thanked all who helped at Special Olympics.

Stephanie Eckhardt shared that her daughter Addison has won her first two golf tournaments this year.

Jeff Ashcraft expressed appreciation to his board and staff for their recent (14th) accreditation for Empowering Abilities. Out of 1200 standards, they received recommendations on only 2 items. They were told they were an outstanding program with nothing like it offered in the United States. Congratulations to all!

Dick Cole remembered Mary Ellen Chamberlain for her dedication to the community.

Steve Powell acknowledged how helpful the boxing program with MercyOne has been for him and others.

recap by Becky Bray



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
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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.



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.

