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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
 May 6th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Rotary District 6000

Gretchen Nollman

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District Governor 2027-2028

- District Learning Facilitator
- District Community Service Grants Co-Chair
- District Paul Harris Society Chair
- District Public Image Team Member
- Rotary International HDC 2028 Director & Co-Chair Marketing & Promotions
- North Central PELS Lead Learning Facilitator
- MDP Alliance Education Team Member

Gretchen is currently the ****District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 6000****, bringing more than a decade of Rotary experience and leadership to the role. She has been deeply involved at both the club and district levels, including serving as Assistant Governor (Area 9), District Learning Facilitator, Community Service Grant Co-Chair, Paul Harris Society Chair, and a member of the District Public Image Team. She has also contributed regionally as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator and Lead Learning Facilitator for Rotary Region 36 (Zones 29 and 25B), helping strengthen Rotary’s impact and visibility across districts.

At the club level, Gretchen has been an active member for over 10 years, holding multiple leadership roles including Public Image Chair and Club Treasurer. Her passion for Rotary is evident in her commitment to leadership development, service, and telling Rotary’s story.

Professionally, Gretchen has built a diverse and global career. After earning her degrees, she spent over 12 years working internationally in agriculture, with experiences across Central and South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa. She then spent another 8 years building her career across the Midwest, including south-central Illinois and southeast Iowa. Despite not growing up on a farm—her father worked for Caterpillar, and she was raised in cities and suburbs—Gretchen brought a fresh, global perspective to agriculture, shaped by hands-on experience and cultural immersion.

Her work in agriculture has included running her own business in scouting, seed, and agronomy, as well as working with a multi-location grain company in trading and merchandising commodities, inventory management, logistics coordination, and feed mill operations supporting livestock production.

In June 2023, Gretchen transitioned into the nonprofit sector, joining River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Iowa, as Food Sourcing Manager. In this role, she oversaw food purchasing and built strong partnerships with retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. Her leadership and strategic vision led to her advancement to ****Director of Operations****, where she now oversees the logistics and operational systems that ensure food is distributed efficiently, safely, and with dignity—supporting the mission of feeding people today while working to end hunger tomorrow.

Although her career has evolved, agriculture remains an important part of her life. Gretchen lives on a farm in Atalissa, Iowa, with her husband and daughter, where they raise a 60-head cow/calf operation, including club calves for show and sale as well as cattle for local freezer beef.

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



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ABOUT KELLY

Kelly is a seasoned leader in finance, strategy, and operations. She brings a wealth of knowledge across HR, sales, operations, and more. Kelly holds a BS in Business and Computer Systems from MSOE, an MBA from Dartmouth, and an MPA from Harvard.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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: Dave Herrell with Visit Quad Cities arranged by Drew Wilson

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

Thurs, Jun 25th: President Installation Party

Fri, Jun 26th: No meeting

Fri, Jul 3rd: No meeting

Fri, Jul 10th: Chris Cournoyer with Celebrate Our Story: Iowa and America 250 Years

Sat, Jul 11th: Moonlight Chase waterstop at Linda Tubb's house

Fri, Jul 17th: Fisher Boys with QC Authority - Fine Wines and Fun arranged by Scott Case

Thurs, Jul 30th: Corn Boil

Fri, Jul 31st: No meeting

Fri, Aug 14th: Paul Kalainoff and RYLA students - Recap of experiences

Fri, Aug 21st: Anna Holland, Interim Curator of IA Womens's Archives with University of Iowa Libraries

Fri, Sep 11th: Golf outing

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 1 was 42 members and 3 guests. Guests were Kelly Winquist, the speaker, Aric Kreeger and Grace Olsen, guest of **Patrick Olsen**. Attending via Zoom were **Tracy Lindaman, Steve Suiter, and Merle Anderson**.

Patrick Olsen was the sarge and collected \$36 in fines.

Jeff Ashcraft shared Community Needs Grant Applications have been coming in and the cycle closes soon. The Committee will be meeting to review and decide on what will be funded and then it will be presented to the Board.

Chris Connolly mentioned next Friday is Foundation Day. Please try to be here! We will be awarding and acknowledging those who have attained the next level of Paul Harris.

Deb Petersen shared two weeks from today is our Youth Day. We will have 2 students who are attending RYLA and then our Youth Scholarship recipients. All youth are welcome to join. If you plan on having a guest please let us know so we can account for food.

Kim Wilkins shared an update on **Jack Schnickel**. He is in Room 115 at the Kahl Home and would love visitors. The best time to visit is in the afternoon. Hopefully he'll be moving to Grand Haven in Eldridge in the near future.

Deanna JV commented that she was thankful to those who showed up last Wednesday for her grant project. There will be a few more opportunities to volunteer coming up! More info to come.

Deanna JV also mentioned that the dots we marked on the Rotary 7 areas of focus results are in! All areas had interest but Education/Literacy and Economic Development/Community had the most interest.

***If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**: DanielleRaeHines@gmail.com
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CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

May 8th: Sean Eckhardt
May 15th: Ross Paustian
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: John Maxwell

NEWSLETTER:

May 8th: Sam Culver
May 15th: Drew Wilson
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Becky Bray

PIANO:

May 8th: Tewanta Lopez
May 15th: Ron May
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Marguerite Holzworth

GREETERS:

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:

May 8th: Kelly Meyer
May 15th: Jody Johnston-Mohr
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Paul Holzworth

INSPIRATION:

May 8th: Drew Wilson
May 15th: Theresa White
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: TBD



Paul Harris Fellowships will be handed out at the May 8th Rotary Meeting. The following Rotarians will be recognized during the meeting:

Paul Harris plus one -
Jerry Coussens
Dale Grunwald
Jill Grunwald
Nathan Kessler
Jennifer Kress
Kelly Meyer

Paul Harris plus two -
Deanna Jensen-Valliere
Terrye Kishuie
Ross Paustian

Paul Harris plus four -
Steve Fahrenkrog
John Maxwell

Paul Harris plus five -
Mindy Leahy
Deb Peterson



Paul Kalainoff was presented with the Guardian of Integrity award at the District 6000 Conference on May 1st. Paul is a highly involved Rotarian assisting with both the Foreign Exchange and RYLA student programs. We are honored to have Paul as a member of the North Scott Rotary Club.

