



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
May 13th, 2026 Edition

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UPCOMING PROGRAM

This Friday is Youth Day at Rotary. Our scholarship recipients and other high school seniors will be joining us for the meeting!

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

May 15th: Diane Papke-Cole and Jan Touney
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Roger Amhof and Dick Cole

INSPIRATION:

May 15th: Theresa White
May 22nd: No meeting
May 29th: Becky Bray

PIANO:

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

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

NEWSLETTER:

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

SONG LEADERS:

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



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

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



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

"Rotary Foundation Day" - Gretchen Nollman, District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 6000

Chris Connolly announces speaker Gretchen Nollman, whose full-time professional position is as Food Sourcing Manager for the River Bend Food Bank. Putting her "Paul Harris Society Chair" hat on, Gretchen describes one of the demonstrated successes and desirability of Paul Harris Foundation donations. 88% of all donations to the Society are spent on program awards and operations, earning the highest marks among sources who measure the giving effectiveness of various charitable organizations.

The Society divides donations evenly between World Fund global grants and District Designated Funds for local projects. Currently the Society maintains an endowment fund of \$100,000 for immediate projects, with seven prioritized categories consisting of :

- Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
- Environmental
- Economic development
- Education
- Child Health
- Water Sanitation
- Disease Prevention

Rotary Club of North Scott participates in the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program by directing dues from each individual member toward the Society. This program raised \$146.4 million in 24-25, with dollars flowing to the Annual Fund. Sustaining members have the additional opportunity to contribute \$100 annually to this Fund.

Paul Harris recognition for individual members can be based on dollar contributions, points donated by others, or a combination of both. Clubs are rewarded by the Society with honorary banners and additional direct donations.

On behalf of the Paul Harris Society, Chris Connolly presents awards to individual club members, who receive an honorary pin. Honorees include:

- **Paul Harris plus one: Jerry Coussens, Dale Grundwald, Jill Grundwald, Jen Kress, Kelly Meyer**
- **Paul Harris plus two: Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Terry Kishiue, Ross Paustian**
- **Paul Harris plus four: Steve Fahrenkrog, John Maxwell**
- **Paul Harris plus five: Mindy Leahy, Deb Peterson**

A deep appreciation from Rotary Club of North Scott goes out to all award recipients.

Program notes submitted by Drew Wilson

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District 6000

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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 HOC 2028 Director & Co-Chair Marketing & Promotions
- North Central PELS Lead Learning Facilitator
- MDP Alliance Education Team Member

Club of HOPE
Homeless Outreach,
Prevention and Education
www.rotaryhope4homeless.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Sat, Jun 13th:** Block Party hosted by Humility Homes and Services. More info to follow.
- 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

Sarge" duties provided by **Sean Eckhardt**, who raised \$75 in fines and educates us on the background of Mother's Day, first recognized Nationally by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 at the behest of Anna Jarvis, whose mother had recently tragically passed. Carnations represent the most popular flower given on Mother's Day.

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 8 was 52 members and 3 guests. Guests were visiting Rotarians Gretchen Nollman, speaker and **Duncan Cameron**, Rotary Club of Naples, FL. Also attending for the third week in a row was Aric Kreiger. Attending via Zoom were **Charlie Jones, Jody Johnston-Mohr and Katie White**. Introduced as guests because they haven't attended in person for so long were: **Jerry Coussens, Dr. Pat DeLuca and Jason Happel**. Pat said he has been waiting at the Steeplegate for members to show up.

Inspiration provided by **Drew Wilson**, who reminds us to celebrate our victories and milestones, even when the war is not yet over.

Jeff Ashcraft heads the Community Grants committee, who received 62 total requests, totalling \$300,000. In all, North Scott Rotary chose 15 recipients, distributing \$55,000 to the community. Recipients have yet to be publicly announced. Thanks to Jeff for the heavy lift regarding this committee's efforts.

Pat Olsen also provides an update on the bandshell project, with development continuing with the City and the design firm. \$300,000 has been raised by the club to date in support of this project.

Deanna Jensen-Valliere announces volunteer opportunities for backpack stuffing for Veterans Care packages on a date TBD.

Kim Wilkins provides updates on Jack Schinkel's improving condition.

Matt Russ announces the upcoming Moline Rotary bourbon raffle on June 15th.

Sean Eckhart shares his daughter's recent golf success: placing 2nd in a tournament in Des Moines and 4th in a tournament in Ottumwa.

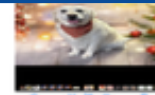
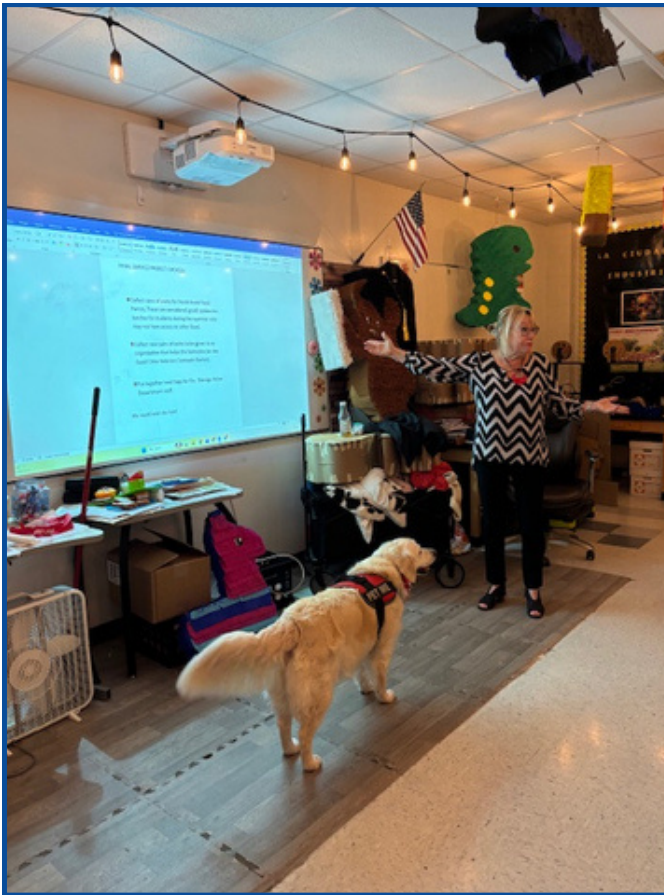
Aric Kreiger expresses his gratitude to the group for fundraising and philanthropic efforts.

Pat Olsen announces the Empowering Abilities golf tournament on June 1st at Davenport Country Club

Deanna Jensen-Valliere announces the upcoming Eldridge/North Scott Chamber golf tournament on June 5th - her first official event in her new professional role.

Recap notes submitted by Drew Wilson

Theresa White and Gracie had the opportunity to fill in for Jan Touney at Interact Club recently. As you can see by Gracie's extensive resume, she is highly qualified for the job! Theresa and Gracie both enjoyed their time with the students!



Gracie
 Certified Therapy Dog
 Born: June 14, 2019

Parents: Dam – Intelligent One Quinn Sire – God's Gift Thaddeus

From: Iron Hill Retrievers Delmar, Iowa

Handler/Owner – Theresa White

Gracie's Engagements:

Handicapped Development Center
 Rotary K9 member and all Rotary Activities
 Bettendorf Health Center
 Faith Lutheran Sunday School
 Reads: Alan Shepard, John Glenn and Ed White
 North Scott Junior High Friendly Fridays
 Clarissa Cook Hospice House
 Speaking Engagements for Therapy Dogs

Trainer: Jim Stenfeldt of CM Academy of Dog Trainers

Certified by: Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs in New Jersey

Veterinary – Risius Eldridge, Iowa

Interests and Hobbies: Working, Walking, Sniffing, Pickleball and Playing with other K9s

2026 North Scott Rotary Community Grants Recommendation

#	SUBMITTED BY	\$ REQUEST	SUMMARY
1	THE THIRD PLACE QC	\$4000	BOOK BAGS AND TOKENS
2	BIG BROTHERS/SISTERS	\$4000	ACTIVITY BAGS
3	DAVENPORT COMM SCHOOLS	\$5000	BEDS FOR STUDENTS IN CRISIS
4	FAMILY RESOURCES	\$3000	NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE BASKETS
5	SOLES FOR CHILDREN	\$2500	COATS/SHOES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
6	FRIENDS OF DONAHUE	\$4000	BASKETBALL GOALS, PICKLEBALLS NETS AND POSTS
7	HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT CO	\$5000	PET FOOD PANTRY, VACCINES, MICROCHIPS
8	HAND-IN-HAND	\$5000	INFANT PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
9	NEW KINGDOM TRAILRIDERS	\$1000	LEAN-TO FOR HORSES
10	QC SYMPHONY	\$2500	STUDENTS AT SYMPHONY PROGRAM
11	NEIL ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY	\$5000	THERAPY DOG ADOPTION
12	CANCER SUPPORT COMM	\$2000	PURCHASE 3-IN-1 GAME TABLE
13	GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE	\$5000	SUPPLIES FOR ACHIEVER'S PROGRAM
14	ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$3000	NIGHT TO SHINE SUPPORT
15	ARGROW'S HOUSE	\$4000	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT
	TOTAL	\$55,000	