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North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
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UPCOMING PROGRAM



Sara Cross
Executive Director



Sara Cross is the Executive Director of First Tee Quad Cities, where she leads the organization's mission to impact young people through golf, mentorship, and life skills programming. Under her leadership, First Tee Quad Cities has experienced significant growth, expanding from serving roughly 300 youth to more than 1,700 youth. She has helped grow the chapter's program locations, strengthen community partnerships, and build shared clubhouse and classroom spaces that benefit both First Tee participants and local golf facilities.

A 2008 graduate of Moline High School, Sara went on to compete as a Division I tennis player at Northern Illinois University from 2008–2012. She continued her education at NIU, earning her master's degree in Sport Management in 2014.

Before joining First Tee Quad Cities, Sara served as the Director of Development for the Boy Scouts of America, where she gained valuable experience in fundraising, community partnerships, and nonprofit leadership.

Sara and her husband are proud parents to three children: Augie, 10, and twins Sunny and Remy, 4. Athletics continue to be a meaningful part of their family life, as Augie is currently the No. 1 ranked 10-year-old golfer in the state of Iowa and will compete in the Junior Arnold Palmer, Junior Masters, and Junior World Championship over the next few months.

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bill Collins - The Man, The Myth, The Legend



Scott Case introduced the program as the best program he's ever brought to Rotary and announced Bill Collins, owner of Me and Billy's was someone to watch working a crowd.

Bill noted that years ago downtown Davenport was an active place and since college wasn't for him, he started bartending, eventually buying Mac's Tavern. His belief is that you don't just serve people, you pay attention to them and give them a reason to come back. He always welcomed those who could add to the atmosphere and would kindly request others leave if they were not contributing to a positive environment. He noted some waitresses that others in the group remembered.

The Downtown Partnership began to rebuild the downtown area in the early 2000's. Bill sold the tavern in 2004 and upon urging from his daughter, opened Me and Billy's in 2013 and it is still going well. Downtown now has some major amenities, including the Figge, hotels, Mid American, the Skybridge, MLK Park and redevelopment of old buildings. Upon questioning from the group, he said the one-way street changes would not have diagonal parking and the Centennial Bridge would not be moving west.

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

- Fri, Jun 5th:** 10:30am Program Committee Meeting
- Fri, Jun 5th:** Sara Cross with First Tee arranged by Stephanie Eckhardt
- Fri, Jun 12th:** 10:30am Board Meeting
- Fri, Jun 12th:** Community Needs Grants Recipients
- Sat, Jun 13th:** Block Party hosted by Humility Homes and Services. More info to follow.
- Sun, Jun 14th:** Strawberry Festival parade in Long Grove
- Fri, Jun 19th:** University of Northern Iowa - 150 Anniversary arranged by Chris Cournoyer
- Thurs, Jun 25th:** President Installation Party for incoming president Tony Knobbe at the Long Grove Community Center
- Fri, Jun 26th:** No meeting
- Fri, Jul 3rd:** No meeting
- Fri, Jul 10th:** 10:30am Board Meeting
- Fri, Jul 10th:** Chris Cournoyer with Celebrate Our Story: Iowa and America 250 Years
- Sat, Jul 11th:** Eldridge Days parade and Moonlight Chase water stop at Linda Tubb's house
- Fri, Jul 17th:** Fisher Boys with QC Authority - Fine Wines and Fun arranged by Scott Case
- Fri, Jul 24th:** Dr. David Cook, President of Iowa State University arranged by Chris Cournoyer
- 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' Archives with University of Iowa Libraries
- Fri, Sep 11th:** Golf outing at Glynn's Creek

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on May 29th was 50 members and 15 guests. Guests were Bill Collins (speaker), Marguerite Holsworth (piano), DG Norlan Hinke, ADG Doug Peterson, **Duncan Cameron**, Nancy Case, guest of **Scott Case**, Stephanie Eads and Aric Kreeger, guest of **Deanna Jensen-Valliere**, Seth and Hailey Korver, guests of **Ross Paustian**, Hailey Halupnick, guest of **Tyler Bindrum**, and Michael Wulf, guest of **Marcia Brandt**. Also attending were Randy Feenstra and 2 aides. Attending via Zoom were **Jody Johnston-Mohr, Samantha Culver and Steve Suiter**.

John Maxwell was the sarge and collected \$58.75 in fines. He told a dairy joke and fined all those that booed him. He fined **Tom Messer** upon his retirement, **Deanna** for not being here next week and **Don Sierk** for going to see his granddaughter perform in the school play 6 times. Anyone who has never attended a Friendly Friday was fined, **Maria** for taking her relatives to Pella and not Cinnamon Ridge. He fined **Tyler Bindrum** for missing Rotary to play golf and claiming it was a makeup since it was with three other Rotarians. **Rily Grunwald** for missing Rotary to plant trees and **Diane Papke-Cole** for having a meeting with her lawyer. She shared her marriage is fine!

Tom Messer announced his retirement from the bank and his move to Board of Directors. (Congrats Tom!)

Tracy Lindaman thanked everyone for their kindness on the death of her Uncle, Jack Darland.

Chris Cournoyer thanked everyone for the well wishes for her daughter who fell ill while in Japan. She is better and returning to work Monday.

Randy Feenstra acknowledged the importance of service clubs and encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday.

Deb Petersen wished Steve Suiter a happy birthday on Zoom.

Steve Powell gave a recommendation for the Parkinson's Therapy he is attending.

Don Sierk noted that Jack Darland was a classmate, friend and fellow sports team member in high school and will remember him fondly.

Dick Cole noted that **Maria Bribriesco, Deanna J-V** and 2 others took a course in welding from him recently. Deanna is the only one still in class. It is the first time he had a 75% dropout rate from a class!

Meeting 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?

CLUB SERVICE

INSPIRATION:

Jun 5th: Stephanie Eckhardt
 Jun 12th: John Maxwell
 Jun 19th: Jill Grunwald

GREETERS:

Jun 5th: Mindy Leahy & Marcia Brandt
 Jun 12th: Diane Papke-Cole & Mitch Amhof
 Jun 19th: Mike Zimmer & Patrick Olsen

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jun 5th: Jim Smith
 Jun 12th: Brad Burt
 Jun 19th: Nathan Kessler

PIANO:

Jun 5th: Bluetooth Speaker
 Jun 12th: Tewanta Lopez
 Jun 19th: Marguerite Holzworth

NEWSLETTER:

Jun 5th: Mindy Leahy
 Jun 12th: Bill Hoover
 Jun 19th: Drew Wilson

SONG LEADERS:

Jun 5th: Drew Wilson
 Jun 12th: John Maxwell
 Jun 19th: Jeff Ashcraft



May 29th Friendly Friday attendees included: Scott Garvin, Tracy Lindaman, Deanna J-V, Theresa White and Gracie, Deb Petersen, Jill and Dale Grunwald, Mike Zimmer, Katie and Neva White, Logan and Levi Amhof.



Randy Feenstra encouraging everyone to vote!



Mini Meet at Maloney's - Dick Cole, Marty O'Boyle, Jim Smith, Hank Runge, Jerry Coussens, Merle Anderson, Rob White and Steve Fahrenkrog.



Merle Anderson asking for volunteers for this year's John Deere Classic.



Dick Cole teaching Maria Bribriesco, Deanna J-V and Deb Petersen the art of welding.