



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
June 24th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM

NO Friday meeting this week as we will be inducting our 2026-27 NS Rotary President Tony Knobbe Thursday evening!

Sign-ups are closed for the installation party at Ray's Pub in Donahue.

See sign-ups below:

Mitch, Natalie, Logan and Levi Amhof

Merle and Mary Lou Anderson

Jeff and Crista Ashcraft

Tyler and Sammy Bindrum

Marcia and Bill Brandt

Maria and Bill Bribriesco

Brad Burt

Scott and Nancy Case

Dick and Shirley Cole

Sean and Stephanie Eckhardt

Steve and Tammy Fahrenkrog

Rich and Mary Golinghorst

Dale and Jill Grunwald

Rily and Ardita Grunwald

Jeff and Mindy Helms

Paul and Marguerite Holzworth

Deanna and John Valliere

Paul and Susan Kalainoff

Tony and Lorene Knobbe

Aric Kreeger

Jennifer and Jeff Kress

Mindy and Ed Leahy

John and Joan Maxwell

Fred Mulch and Nancy K.

Marty O'Boyle

Patrick, Megan, Addison and Grace Olsen

Diane and David Papke-Cole

Kay and Mike Pence

Deb Peterson

Steve and Bonnie Powell

Lori and Scott Rochau

Greg Schappveld

Don Sierk

Jim Smith and Jean M.

Sara Somsky

Jan and Tom Touney

Theresa and Bob White

Kim Wilkins

Jordon and Abby Williams

Mike and Tammy Zimmer

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LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Randy Pilkington - University of Northern IA

Chris Cournoyer introduced speakers from University of Northern Iowa, Randy Pilkington and Cary Darrah. They are sharing about the University's Sesquicentennial which she explained for John Maxwell's benefit, was 150 years. 😊 The school was built in 1869 as a home for the orphans of the Civil War. When those children grew up, it was changed to a Normal School in 1876 and eventually became UNI.

They have had lots of visibility for the 150th celebration: buses, UNI Day at the Capitol and a day of service with 2500 students, faculty and alumni giving 1400 hours of service. They will continue this in future years.

UNI works with economic projects in all 99 counties. They have 183 clients in Scott County, as well as 4400 alumni living here. They are proud of the fact that they educate lowans for Iowa. 90% of graduates take their first job in Iowa and 2/3 of those are still here after 10 years. They have the top CPA exam success. Their "nimbleness" because of size allows them to serve students with the top ten needs of the workforce.

They are doing a capital campaign this year with a goal of \$250 million. They currently have raised \$328 million from 32,967 unique donors. The money will go to build and maintain spaces, scholarships and civic education that they feel is important for student to have.

When asked why they have such success with CPAs, Randy answered that it was the core culture created, the rigor of the classes and their help to students in preparing for the exam. Much support comes from alumni.

Prompted by Chris to talk about the "live like a student" idea, it was explained that they counsel students on their spending, help them see what they would owe at graduation and assist them in finding jobs to help with their costs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs, Jun 25th: President Installation Party for incoming president Tony Knobbe at Ray's Pub, 101 North Main, Donahue. Adult guests \$20. Cash bar. Sign-ups are closed!

Fri, Jun 26th: No meeting

Fri, Jul 3rd: No meeting - Happy Independence Day!

Fri, Jul 10th: 10:30am Board Meeting

Fri, Jul 10th: TBD

Sat, Jul 11th: Eldridge Days parade - Lineup at 10:30am on Franklin St., parade at 11:00am. Bring candy and wear your Rotary shirt!

Also - 7:30om Moonlight Chase water stop at Linda Tubb's house - 302 S. 8th St. Eldridge.

Fri, Jul 17th: Gary Tharpp with Beyond the Baseline - More than a game, the lasting impact on sports by Scott Case

Fri, Jul 24th: Dr. David Cook, President of Iowa State University arranged by Chris Cournoyer

Thurs, Jul 30th: Corn Boil - 5:30pm at the MV Fairgrounds

Fri, Jul 31st: No meeting

Fri, Aug 7th: TBD

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 arranged by Maria Bribriesco

Fri, Aug 28th: Chris Cournoyer with Celebrate Our Story: Iowa and America 250 Years

Fri, Sep 4th: No meeting - Happy Labor Day!

Fri, Sep 11th: Golf outing at Glynn's Creek

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

July 10th: Rich Horst & Dale Grunwald

July 17th: Roger Amhof & Jill Grunwald

July 24th: Ken Rohwedder & Sean Eckhardt

July 31st: No meeting

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

July 10th: Kelly Meyer

July 17th: Sean Eckhardt

Jul 24th: Ross Paustian

Jul 31st: No meeting

INSPIRATION:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

Jul 10th: Sean Eckhardt

July 17th: Scott Case

Jul 24th: Tony Knobbe

Jul 31st: No meeting

PIANO:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

Jul 10th: Bluetooth Speaker

July 17th: TBD

July 24th: TBD

Jul 31st: No meeting

NEWSLETTER:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

Jul 10th: Sam Culver

Jul 17th: Mindy Leahy

Jul 24th: Bill Hoover

Jul 31st: No meeting

SONG LEADERS:

Jun 26th: No meeting

Jul 3rd: No meeting

July 10th: TBD

July 17th: TBD

Jul 24th: TBD

Jul 31st: No meeting



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?

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on June 19 was 49 members and 9 guests. Guests were **Duncan Cameron**, Rotary Club of Naples, FL., Lorene Knobbe, guest of **Tony Knobbe**, Mindy Helms, guest of **Jeff Helms**, Bart Haag, guest of **Steve Fahrenkrog**, Josh Le, RYLA student, Dr. Leigh Mack, Marguerite Holzworth (pianist), and our speakers, Cary Darrah and Randy Pilkington. Attending via Zoom was **Jody Johnston-Mohr**.

Dr. Brad Burt was the sarge and collected \$111 in fines. He opened with a prayer hoping people understood he was not planning to offend anyone in particular, but everyone. He mentioned that Cal Werner, former President of Walcott Bank has given a donation for free admission for a month at the German American Heritage Center and Museum. Fines were given to **Jen Kress** who announced that Carrie Underwood would be at the John Deere Classic, **Merle Anderson** for sitting with women's table, **Paul Holzworth** for 64 years of marriage and having his wife put up with him for that long and anyone announcing engagements or weddings. **Don Sierk** was fined for his granddaughter's performance at UCLA commencement and he announced that she has a job with Jim Henson Studio. **Katie White** was fined for not paying attention to Deanna, but **Deb Peterson** said that was her fault since she was texting her. He fined **Joe Stutting** for asking for his help and then regretting it. He then requested discount for his children at UNI when he fined all the ISU and Iowa supporters.

Kelly Meyer gave \$25 to the education fund in honor of her daughter, Josie's 25th birthday and her recent engagement. **Paul Holzworth** gave \$64 to the education fund in honor of his and Marguerite's 64th wedding anniversary. Congrats to ALL!

Reflection from **Jill Grunwald** encouraged us to enjoy the day.

Jen Kress reminded us that we have # for Birdies for Charity for the John Deere Classic. The forms are due July 1st and there is a 5 - 10% bonus match.

Tony Knobbe said to watch for a survey by email about committee sign ups and to know that not everyone will be on a committee just because they signed up.

Deanna thanked **Kay Pence** and **Jordan Williams** for helping at the Humility of Mary event. She also said it was a privilege to serve as President and presented thank-yous to **Deb Peterson** and hotel staff Liz, Ryan and Juan for their assistance during the year.

Kerri Hurning said she had missed several meetings because her daughter was married.

Paul Holzworth announced that the most important day of his life was 64 years ago on this date when he married Marguerite. He tried to give 64 cents, but his wife wrote out the check and it was for \$64. They will be honored as the Grand Marshals at the Eldridge parade.

Jen Kress shared that her son graduated from UNI and her other son was studying abroad with a program through UNI. Dick Cole wore an old t-shirt from his days at UNI.

Kim Wilkins reported that **Jack Schinkel** was still recovering at Senior Star and hopes to go to Grand Haven soon. His wife, Jean, fell at Senior Star and again at home and is recovering in the hospital.

Tony Knobbe noted that today was **Jeff Helms'** birthday and on his own birthday earlier this week, he came home to find his granddaughters had decorated for him. He also reported that his treatment is going well.

Kelly Meyer announced that her daughter, Josie, turned 25 and is engaged!

Deb Peterson shared that **Bill Hoover's** wife is in the hospital and is paralyzed on one side.

***If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**:
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North Scott Rotary,

Thank you for your
support in funding
the supplies for the
Achiever's Program!
Shaunice Brooks

37" Kortyn

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