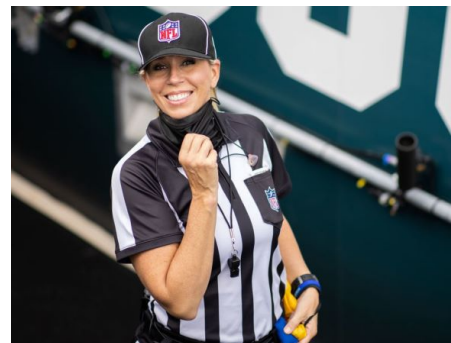


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## **2023-24 Speaker Announcement & Membership Renewal Notice Coming Soon!**

You will be receiving an email **March 10th** announcing the 2023-24 season of speakers along with membership renewal information

\*Deadline for renewal payment is **May 1, 2023**

**ISSUE #3: March 2023**

## **SARAH THOMAS Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

Sarah Thomas changed the game in the world's most quintessential male-dominated sport - football - when she became the first female NFL official, officiating her first game on September 13, 2015 between the Kansas City Chiefs and Houston Texans - and on February 7, 2021 when she became the first female to officiate a Super Bowl.

Named one of *Sports Illustrated* 100 most influential figures of all time, Sarah is no stranger to being the first or breaking gender barriers. Since joining the NFL's roster of officials, she has become a trail-blazing inspiration to women everywhere, embodying the notion that with a belief in self, inner drive, hard work, preparation, and a mindset of being the best you can be, no barrier or ceiling is impenetrable.

## **Luncheon at Champions Run with Sarah Thomas**

Immediately following the lecture and featuring an informal Q & A session

**Champions Run**  
**13800 Eagle Run Drive**  
**Cost \$28 - advance reservations required**

Reservations **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or after **Tuesday, February 28th**  
We will **STOP** accepting reservations on **Tuesday, March 14th**  
Seating is assigned as reservations are received.

For group reservations (2-12), please submit only one check,  
and include all names in your group to avoid double seating.

Tickets for each group will be under the name of the individual who made the  
reservations.

Make checks payable to **OMAHA TOWN HALL LECTURE SERIES**  
Send to: Kathy Mrla, 14010 Grand Circle, Omaha, NE 68164  
**Questions?** [mrlaomaha@aol.com](mailto:mrlaomaha@aol.com) or 402.445.8941

**Please Note:**

- Include your email and phone number on your check.
- Pick up all tickets at the luncheon table at the lecture and distribute to your group.
- No tickets will be sold the day of event.
- If your luncheon plans change, your ticket may be used by a friend.
- There are no cancellations or refunds.

## **President's Letter**

Dear Omaha Town Hall Members,

As Spring approaches so too does our annual membership renewal!

You will receive an email on **Friday, March 10th** announcing the 2023-24 season of speakers along with information on renewal and payment options.

**This year, the May 1<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline will be firmly enforced.**

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, membership opens to our waitlist. If questions, please email [omahatownhalllectureseries@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhalllectureseries@gmail.com).

Additionally, the Board of Directors were amazed by your soap donations last October. In honor of Derreck Kayongo, over **2,300** bars of soap were delivered to Nebraska's largest provider of services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Wow! We are humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We look forward to seeing you at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> lecture featuring NFL Referee Sarah Thomas!

Jill Thomsen  
President, Board of Directors  
Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

# Captain Scott Kelly

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Former NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Navy Captain Scott Kelly shares the remarkable story of his “Year in Space” mission. He holds the record for the single longest mission of an American astronaut in space; previously he held the record for the total accumulated number of days spent in space. When he and his twin brother Mark were selected to become astronaut candidates in April 1996, they were the first relatives ever selected. After completing his training, Scott became the first American in his class of 44 prospective astronauts assigned to a space flight as the pilot of STS-103, an emergency repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. On his second mission, Kelly was assigned to command space shuttle mission STS-118, a rare feat given that most shuttle commanders are assigned after two flights as a pilot. He describes the effects of isolation, the physical impact on the body, and the psychological pressures of living in a confined space, as well as the many dangers. Chief among the lessons Scott shares: the importance of preparation, attention to detail and teamwork—any of which can mean the difference between life and death, or success and failure.



[Learn More  
About Scott Kelly](#)

## \*Important Information\*

### NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are electronic and sent via email. **If you know someone who is NOT receiving this newsletter, please tell them to check their spam and junk folders.**

### ATTEND IN PERSON

- We continue to monitor Covid in our community. Please consider how you feel the morning of the lecture and please stay home if you do not feel well.
- For those who join the lecture in person, masks and sanitizer will be available.
- The 2022-2023 membership card that is **fuchsia pink** is needed for entry.

### WATCH VIRTUALLY ONLINE

- For those who would like to watch virtually, **please email Jennifer Peterson at [j-n-peterson@cox.net](mailto:j-n-peterson@cox.net) by Friday, March 17th** to reserve your space.
- **If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please email your request again.**
- Last minute virtual viewing requests are very difficult to accommodate.
- *Please **check your email Tuesday evening after 8:00 p.m** for the distinctive link to the lecture. **Be sure to check your junk folder.** If you have not received an email from Omaha Town Hall, please email Jennifer Peterson.*
- **Please do not share the link**, Omaha Town Hall is charged for use of this service.
- Omaha Town Hall's legal contract with our speakers **prohibit recording** of lectures, which must viewed live and in real time.

### SEAT SAVING

Saved seats are limited to **one per person**. Large groups must enter the lecture together.

### KEEP MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON HAND

Many members find seats early and then leave the lecture hall to purchase a book, visit with friends, or use the restroom. Ushers check membership cards **each time** a person

enters the lecture hall.

## HEARING IMPAIRED

St. Andrew's has a comfortable room at the back of the lecture hall with volume control.

## QUESTIONS?

**Membership:** Bev Austin, 402.484.7846, [baustin9637@gmail.com](mailto:baustin9637@gmail.com)

**March Luncheon:** Kathy Mrla, 402.445.8941, [mrlaomaha@aol.com](mailto:mrlaomaha@aol.com)

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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 15050 West Maple Road, Omaha, NE 68116  
**Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**  
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

**Please bring your **Fuschia Pink** membership card to all lectures.**





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