

JANUARY 21, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



The meeting began with....

Opening:

- Members recited Rotary's Four-Way Test.
 - Is it the TRUTH?
 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- A patriotic song was sung, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Offerings for a Moment of Silence:

- SK Nanda - "Our Troops!"
- Fred Anderson - The people of Minnesota who are dealing with challenging times
- Maria Osterberg - Bill Daley, as he continues to recuperate



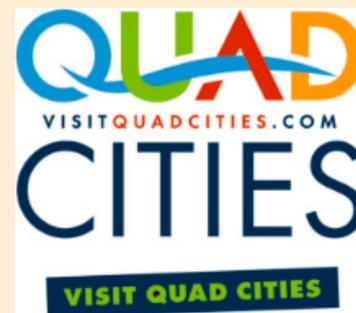
At last week's grants presentation meeting, District Governor Norlan Hinke and his wife Cindy presented immediate Past President Mike Ingleby and President Penny McGimpsey with a certificate of appreciation for the club's financial support to end polio.

COMING UP...

January 28, 2026



Dave Herrell
President/CEO



Announcements

• **BBBS Putt Around**

The Big Brothers Big Sisters' Putt Around fundraiser is February 4th through the 6th. Times are 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, times are 3 to 5 p.m. only.

BRC has historically had a team or 2 to compete, so gather a few others and help raise funds for a worthy cause. [Sign up your team here](#) or get more information.

• **Red Badge Meeting**

New members and others who have not been able to make a Red Badge meeting yet, should put Tuesday, February 10th on their calendars to attend the next Red Badge Meeting.

A new format has been developed by the board that will result in a meaningful experience for everyone. The Red Badge Meeting will be held at Keller's American Grill at The Isle from 5 to 6:30 p.m. [Contact Carol](#) to RSVP.

• **Rotary Youth Exchange**

Harry Coin, longtime Rotary Youth Exchange coordinator for the club, shared that this year's exchange student decided to return home early. After a successful first semester, Miri was homesick, and despite a lot of encouragement from others, decided to cut her time here short. Miri was one of the youngest exchange students the club has hosted, which likely played a part in her situation.

Harry has decided to step away from his Rotary Youth Exchange post in order to become involved in other Rotary projects. The club thanks Harry for his longtime service and dedication to his responsibilities in this position.

Going forward, the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley schools will assist with the process of recruiting families to host exchange students. In addition, Brock Biggerstaff has offered to take over the administrative duties involved.



Brock Biggerstaff

Happy Bucks

- **Angie Kendall** | Hand in Hand's Chili Cookoff is at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds on February 7th. Raffle tickets are available for some great prizes. Angie assures everyone that the MVF venue will be nice and warm. See Angie for all chili cookoff details.
- **Harry Coin** | Harry has been promoted to "Grandpa" with the arrival of a granddaughter. He will probably have some time on his hands, as his wife will be occupied by lots of grandbaby visits.
- **John Rabine** | John has had the pleasure of being a member of the best Rotary club around for 20 years. He appreciates that Kenny Vandernick was persistent in his invitations to visit and join.
- **Tom Olson** | Tom was happy to see Will Doland at the meeting today. He also told a joke that doesn't merit repeating. Those who are interested may contact Tom directly.
- **Frank Mitvalsky** | According to Frank, his two college-attending sons got their brains from their mother. One of the Mitvalsky sons is on the Dean's List and one is on the President's List. Both are straight-A students in their college careers.
- **Troy Gutknecht** | Troy recently celebrated his "double nickel" birthday.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny was happy that the club was able to provide 15 organizations with grants at the meeting last week. She thanked Joe Pacha for heading up the grants committee and the entire committee for their work on reading, evaluating, and making some difficult decisions.
- **Penny again** | To celebrate the 10th anniversary of WQUD 107.7 Vintage Radio, Penny and her employer will appear on WQAD today to feature the anniversary and the station's community involvement.



This Week's Program



The scheduled speaker was unable to come to the meeting, so club members spent some time finding out a little more about each other. First, tables were asked to share their answers to the question, “In 2025, where was the favorite place you visited?” Rotarians talked about traveling to faraway places, as well as just going across town to a special event or gathering.

After moving to a different table, Rotarians were posed with the second question. “In 2025, what was your favorite accomplishment, either personally or professionally?” Answers were as varied as the members, including things like getting healthy, paying off debts, learning a new skill, and celebrating a 62nd wedding anniversary (congratulations Dick Hanzelka!).

The activity allowed Rotarians to spend a little more time with each other than at a typical weekly meeting and learn a little more about their fellow Rotarians.



Around the world, over 120 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

Rotary refuses to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Peace is a cornerstone of the Rotary Foundation’s mission. They believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

This is what the Rotary Foundation does. To learn more, [click here](#).



Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. Adults and young leaders are trained to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

Happy January Birthday

7th

Jessica VanDyke

14th

Shelly Wells-Cain
Mark Ross

15th

Mike Manternach

13th

Jerry Higgs

29th

Brock Biggerstaff



Happy BRC Anniversary

44 Years

Dave Falk

4 Years

Paul Boffeli
Marty Clifton

24 Years

John DeDoncker
Kevin Koellner

3 Years

Amy Vollmer
Linda Wood

20 Years

John Rabine

2 Years

Michelle Rowe
Sarah Potter

10 Years

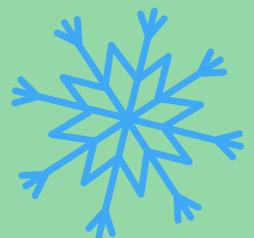
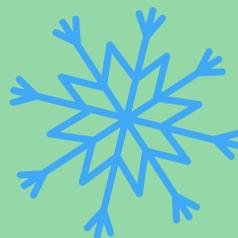
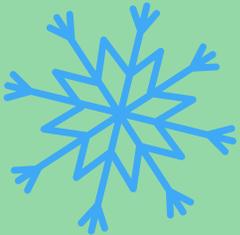
Dick Hanzelka
Dean Krause

8 Years

Beth Clark

1 Year

Terra Roemerman





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LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS...

Monday

12:00pm | Davenport | River Center
12:00pm | Moline | Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday

12:00pm | Rock Island | QC Botanical Center

Wednesday

12:00pm | Bettendorf | Tanglewood Hills Pavilion
5:00pm | Davenport | Mini-Meet | Lunardi's

Thursday

7:00am | Iowa Quad Cities | J-Bar
12:00pm | East Moline | Christ United
Methodist Church
12:00pm | Milan | Pinnacle Country Club

Friday

12:00pm | North Scott | Hilton Garden Inn,
Bettendorf