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**JANUARY 22ND, 2025**

## ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

### Call to Order:

- Program Speaker, Shannon Green, rang the bell with gusto.
- President Mike Ingelby called the meeting to order.



### 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Offerings for a Moment of Silence:

- SK Nanda - “Our Troops!”
- Fred Anderson - “The people of Ukraine”
- Penny McGimpsey - “A 54 year old friend recently passed away.”
- Mike Ingelby - “Member Veena Wulfekuhle’s ex-husband passed away.”

### Visitor:

- Matt Brant, co-worker of Shelly Naumann, was a guest of Scott Naumann.

### New Member:

- Terra Roerman was welcomed into the club as the newest member.

# Welcome

## COMING UP...

### Wednesday, January 29th

Our very own BRC member **Marcia Erickson**, *Certified Business & Executive Coach with ActionCOACH*, will be our speaker. Come to listen, learn, and support one of our members. Bring a guest!



### Wednesday, February 5th

*Grant Presentations*  
Waterfront Convention Center

### Saturday, February 8th

*QC Rotary Night at QC Storm Game*

### Wednesday, February 26th

*State of the City Address*  
Waterfront Convention Center



### **Announcements:**

- Penny McGimpsey | Quad Cities Rotary Night at the Quad City Storm is Saturday February 8th. Premier Tickets are offered at \$25/person with \$5 being donated back to the Bettendorf Rotary Club. The Rotary Club with the most guests will get an extra \$100 donated to their club!
- Decker Ploehn shared that he also does the jersey auction each year for the hockey event, and the entertainment continues by merely watching the bidding and the bidders. Just another reason to join the fun and support a good cause.
- Joe “Blanket Champion” Champion | 2262 blankets have been collected and 1834 have been distributed to date. Some sites are still collecting blankets.
- Pat Engelhaupt | Rotarians were encouraged to bid on and purchase six blankets made by the Interact students, with proceeds going to the Interact Club and blankets being donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.
- Steve Sorenson informed everyone that Project Now has opened a temporary emergency shelter and 70 blankets were delivered to that organization.



### **Happy Bucks:**

- Dr. Tom Olson shared a joke that even he said wasn't worthy of newsletter inclusion.
- Mike Simons missed a few meetings and is happy to be back.
- Larry Thein said his son was hit by a car, but the car came out of the accident worse than his son. He is happy all is well.
- Frank Mitvalsky said he spoke to Ron and Amy Crist who are stuck in Biloxi, Mississippi due to an uncharacteristic snowfall. Because they don't know how to handle such things down there (that's Mississippi, not Ron and Amy), they will be stuck until someone figures out where to track down a snowplow.
- Scott Naumann is happy that he is serving his 16th year on the Bettendorf City Council. He also lobbied for a City Administrator pay raise, so Decker can fix the elbow patches on his sports coat.



### **Bettendorf Rotary Gear:**

Check out the custom-made BRC gear [here](#). Order now and be a trendsetter in 2025!

## PROGRAM SPEAKER

Shannon Green, CEO

Ronald McDonald House Charities



**The Mission:** Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois is committed to providing services that directly improve the health and well-being of children while offering a community of comfort and support for families seeking medical care for a child.

From food to lodging to laundry, RMHC provides free services to take away as many life stressors as possible, so families can focus on their hospitalized loved one.

The house in Iowa City accommodates 31 families, and it is always full, with a waiting list. Criteria for use of RMHC is the hospitalized child has to be 21 years old or younger, receiving medical care, and the family must live at least 20 miles away. Plans are underway to expand the current facilities, which will include a 3-story addition attached to the existing house. This addition will add 24 suites.

In addition to the house, RMHC also has Family Rooms in the hospitals and Snacks on the House, which is a 24-hour pantry. Both programs allow families to be nearby, so they don't have to leave their child for very long to eat, rest, or meet other daily needs.

In 2024, 435 families were served, with 68 being families from the Quad Cities and surrounding area. The average stay is 26.2 days, and the wait time is typically 5.1 days.

Funding includes 18% from McDonald's and 49% from individual donors. When ordering at McDonald's, customers can "round up", with proceeds going to RMHC. Special events are held to raise funds as well. On September 16, 2025, the 2nd Annual Golf Gala will be held at Iron Tee. In addition to attending fundraisers and donating, people can get involved by volunteering, doing service projects, and sponsoring a meal.

In appreciation for Shannon's presentation, a donation from BRC to RMHC in the amount of \$100 was presented to her.





**Jan 1st**

Tasha Keegan

**Jan 7th**

Jessica Van Dyke

**Jan 13th**

Jerry Higgs

**Jan 14th**

Mark Ross

Shelly Wells-Cain

**Jan 15th**

Michael Manternach

**Jan 17th**

Troy Gutknecht

**Jan 23rd**

Lonna Woods

**Jan 29th**

Brock Biggerstaff



## ***OUR CLUB AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD***

Hanna Jensen, a student at Pleasant Valley High School, is currently in Torino, Italy thru Rotary Youth Exchange and sponsored by our Club.

She arrived in Torino in September and has been busy with attending school, exploring the sites, and exploring the tastes of Italy since her arrival.

Hanna is enjoying herself and loves the city and many of the surrounding areas she has visited. She recently moved to her new host family and is adjusting to this change.

Reported by: Patt Englander

## ***CAL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS...***



**Rotary**

**Club of Bettendorf**

### **Monday**

12:00pm | Davenport | Outing Club

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 | Steeplegate Inn



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