



TOGETHER, WE

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JANUARY 29TH, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby called the meeting to order.
- President Mike started the meeting in an unusual way, by telling a joke that was actually kind of funny.

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:

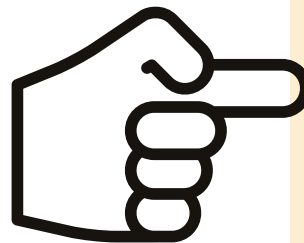
- SK Nanda - “Our Troops!”
- Fred Anderson - “The people of Ukraine” and “Show kindness”

Visitors:

- Katie Spain and Tracy Wguyen, guests of Marcia Erickson
- Cody Rodas, guest of Linda Wood
- Olivia Warren, guest of Sarah Potter
- Mark Carlson, guest of no one in particular

Thank you:

- Churches United sent a heartfelt thank you letter for all the blankets they have received for the people they serve over the past three years.



COMING UP...



Wednesday, February 5th
This is the big one! The meeting where all our hard work pays off for many organizations in the community.

The Grants Presentation meeting is next Wednesday.
Location: Waterfront Convention Center
Time: Doors open at 11:30, with the program starting at noon

Saturday, February 8th
QC Rotary Night at QC Storm Game

Wednesday, February 26th
State of the City Address
Waterfront Convention Center



Announcements:

- **Community Grants Committee Chair Joe Pacha** | Next week's meeting is when \$80,000 will be dispersed to community organizations, thanks to the hard work and generosity of the BRC. [Please see meeting details on page 1.](#)
- **President Elect 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! This night is also Hockey Fights Cancer Night, so there are many reasons to attend.

Happy Bucks:

- Brock Biggerstaff is celebrating his 40th birthday, and he was happy to now be part of a protected class.
- Pat Engelhaupt was happy that last week's blanket auction raised \$295 for the Interact Club.
- Mark Carlson purchased a table for this weekend's Hand in Hand Chili Cook Off fundraiser and invited anyone who's interested to join him.
- Gwen Tombergs thanked the club for the \$5000 grant that LivWell Cares will be receiving next week.
- Decker Ploehn celebrates his 50th (mostly happy) work anniversary with the city this month.
- Guest Tracy Wguyen wished everyone good health, prosperity, and peace on the first day of the Lunar New Year.
- Tim Lane wondered how many f-bombs have been launched over Decker's 50-year career.
- Tim Bonney shared that Asbury United Methodist Church is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, and a celebratory dinner in May will be held at the Tanglewood Pavilion.
- Sharon Sarver thanked the club for Family Resources' grant. She also congratulated Carol Foster on returning from her retirement vacation without any broken bones. However, Sharon should have actually checked with Carol prior to making this announcement, as there was a small breakage experienced while snorkeling.



Bettendorf Rotary Gear:

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

PROGRAM SPEAKER

Marcia Erickson, Certified Business Coach
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Marcia works with businesses and individuals, from start-ups through to executives. The coaching programs she provides are designed to identify challenges and to apply practical and results-driven solutions. For the purposes of her presentation, Marcia focused on small businesses.

Small businesses are important to the community for many reasons including: commercial investment, sales tax revenue, employees are neighbors, quality of life, sponsorships, and economic flywheel. The success of small businesses is crucial to the community for many of these same reasons.

To help small businesses succeed, people should buy local, share positive experiences on social media, refer friends, and provide feedback to the business.

Businesses contact Marcia at various stages of their journey. Sometimes, a business is stagnant, or they may be preparing for a change like retirement, restructuring, or ownership transition. Ownership education is key to success regardless of the stage of the business.

Coaching starts with an exploration of questions like “where are you at right now?”, “where do you want to be?”, and “how do you get there?”. Businesses may be interesting in improving sales and marketing, team building and leadership, running the business, systems, and/or coaching.

Marcia establishes a system of accountability to those with whom she works. To that end, short and long term goals are set, as well as weekly and daily habits. Those goals and habits are revisited regularly to ensure progress and promote success.

ActionCOACH is a global firm that provides an abundance of resources and worlds of wisdom. Katie Spain, Business Development Manager, can answer questions about how to get started with your business improvement plan. Katie can be reached at 563-357-7168 or katiespain@actioncoach.com.



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



FOUNDATION FACTS

It's back! "SK's Corner", "Foundation Facts", or whatever you want to call it, SK will bring you the latest in the world of the Rotary Foundation each week in this space. This week's article is an excerpt from a monthly message from Trustee Chair of TRF, Rotarian Mark Daniel Maloney.

"The Rotary Foundation has set an ambitious goal to grow Rotary's Endowment to \$2.025 billion by this year, 2025. This will only be possible through the generous support of every person reading this message.

The work of The Rotary Foundation, from safe water initiatives to literacy programs, depends on regular giving by our members. One convenient solution for many is Rotary Direct, which provides a simple way to make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. This empowers Rotary to plan effectively, respond promptly to urgent needs, and continue transforming lives.

When setting your personal goals for this year, remember every contribution — no matter the size — adds to the momentum driving meaningful change. So, as we enter 2025, let us reaffirm our commitment to The Rotary Foundation. By combining our efforts and our giving with others, we can truly say that no matter our vocation or location, we are contributing to a global force for good."

SK Nanda
Foundation Chair

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LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS...

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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