

NEWSLETTER

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 3, 2025

MEETING LOCATION

Wednesday @ 12pm

Tanglewood Hills Pavilion
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Announcements

NEXT

WEDNESDAY -
1/8/25 - PACE -
newly opened part
of Unity Point will
be presenting.

- Make sure to check out
the BRC Apparel Store!
[HERE](#)

MEMBERS:

- Current Members: 122
- Membership Goal: 135

Invite!

- Please keep in mind to invite
a guest this year, especially
during your Birthday month!
It's a wonderful gift for the
club!

Key Dates

1/8/25 - club
meeting

ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF BLANKET DRIVE

**Get your
blankets
ready!**



Keep those less fortunate in our community warm this winter.

Nov. 1-Dec. 20



No blankets, but want to help?
Make a monetary donation at:
RotaryBlanketDrive.org



Per Joe Champion -
Blankets are still
coming and going!
Keep up the great
work

Drop-Off Sites

- Bettendorf Library: 2950 Learning Campus Dr.
- Bettendorf City Hall: 1609 State St.
- K & K Hardware: 1818 Grant St., Bettendorf
- Duck Creek Tire: 4000 Middle Rd., Bettendorf
- TBK Sports Plex: 4850 Bettplex Dr., Bettendorf
- Blanket
- Wallace's Garden Center: 2605 Devil's Glen Rd., Bettendorf
- YMCAs of the Iowa Mississippi Valley:
 - R. Richard Bittner YMCA—630 E. 4th St., Davenport
 - Utica Ridge YMCA—4885 Utica Ridge Rd., Davenport
 - North YMCA—624 W. 53rd St., Davenport
 - West YMCA—3503 W. Locust St., Davenport
 - North Scott YMCA—104 S. 3rd Ave., Eldridge
 - Bettendorf YMCA—3800 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf
 - YMCA Sports Center at the Landing—2222 Middle Rd., Bettendorf

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Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Pics



LOOKING FORWARD

PROGRAM IDEAS??

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUTURE PROGRAM,
CONTACT PROGRAM CHAIRMAN SCOTT NAUMANN,
563-505-7953;
SCOTTNAUMANN@MSN.COM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1/8/25 - PACE - newly opened part of Unity Point will be presenting.

YOUR CURRENT BRC BOARD

- Mike Ingleby, President
- Penny McGimpsey, President-Elect
- Marcia Erickson, Community Service
- Brock Biggerstaff, Vocational Service
- TBD, Club Service
- Jake Eikenberry, At Large
- Ann Kappeler, At Large
- Joe Campion, Past President
- S.K. Nanda, Foundation Service
- Brian Strusz, Youth Service
- Jake Eikenberry, International Service
- Jeff Hassel, Treasurer
- Shelly Naumann, Executive Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

Any questions, please email : bettendorfrotary@gmail.com

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Birthday & Anniversary Report



Member Birthdays	
Name	Date
DeWild, Matt	6-Jan
Higgs, Jerry	13-Jan
Ross, Mark	14-Jan

Join Date			
Name	Years	Date	
Falk, David	43 years	Jan. 01 1982	
DeDoncker, John	23 years	Jan. 16 2002	
Koellner, Kevin	23 years	Jan. 31 2002	
Rabine, John	19 years	Jan. 25 2006	
Hanzelka, Dick	9 years	Jan. 01 2016	
Kraus, Dean	9 years	Jan. 01 2016	
Clark, Beth	7 years	Jan. 08 2018	
Clifton, Marty	3 years	Jan. 26 2022	
Vollmer, Amy	2 years	Jan. 01 2023	
Wood, Linda	2 years	Jan. 27 2023	
Rowe, Michelle	1 year	Jan. 17 2024	
Potter, Sarah	1 year	Jan. 17 2024	

Rotary Foundation Minute as of 12/23

Welcome to Week FOUR of RI's Month of Disease Prevention & Treatment.

The Rotary Club of Itajaí-Porta do Vale, Brazil, in collaboration with regional clubs (Itajaí, Itajaí-Norte, Balneário Camboriú, Balneário Camboriú-Praia do Atlântico, Camboriú, Itapema, and Porto Belo-Costa Esmeralda), international partners – Rotary Club of The Palisades (District 7490, USA), Districts 4795 (Uruguay), District 6930 (USA) – Governor Douglas Heizer, and 4652 (Brazil), The Rotary Foundation, and with the support of Tokio Marine Insurance and Procave Real Estate Investments, has made a historic donation to the Marieta Konder Bornhausen Hospital and Maternity in Itajaí, Santa Catarina. The donation – a state-of-the-art Surgical Video Tower for the Surgical Center – represents a significant advancement in patient care and surgical technology. This acquisition, made possible through a Global Grant Project (GG2455603) and tireless collective efforts, aims to modernize surgical procedures and enhance patient care at the institution. The fundraising of \$92,650 USD – nearly half a million reais – was achieved through the collaboration of nine Rotary Clubs, three Rotary International districts, The Rotary Foundation, and two private companies. The Marieta Konder Bornhausen Hospital and Maternity is a regional reference in emergency care, offering medium and high-complexity services to over 800,000 inhabitants, with 93% of patients served through SUS (the Brazilian public health system: It means it's free of charge). As a philanthropic institution, the hospital plays an essential role in Itajaí and 11 surrounding municipalities, performing an average of 800 surgeries per month.

The new Surgical Video Tower will be utilized across various specialties, including general surgery, urology, digestive surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, and otorhinolaryngology, directly benefiting thousands of patients. Rotarian lawyer and President of the Madre Teresa Association, Maurício José Gom, underscored the importance of this achievement: "Our commitment is to continually seek improvements for Marieta Hospital and the patients it serves. This project showcases the collective power of Rotary to make a difference, and it is inspiring to see our efforts positively impact our communities."

Source (https://www.bocaratotribune.com/bocaratonews/2024/12/rotary-global-grant-provides-state-of-the-art-surgical-video-tower-to-brazilian-hospital/#google_vignette)

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary
Editor, Foundation Minute.

Welcome to Week 5 of RI's Month of Disease Prevention & Treatment.

Welcome to the last week of Rotary's Foundation Minute for the year 2024. The report this week is from and DG Abbas Rajavi, District 5450, Colorado. DG Rajavi sums up his district's achievements relative to the mission of TRF. According to Rotarian Rajavi, "Rotary in its Water, Sanitation and Health or WASH program is committed to becoming a leader along with other organizations in finding practical and sustainable solutions to these major problems. In addition, each year malaria, despite awareness and advancement in medicine, continues to be a major killer of hundreds of thousands of people. Rotary can celebrate its successes in the field of health and disease prevention but we, as

Rotarians, cannot rest on our laurels. There is still much to be done. On the local front here in Colorado we are one of the worst states in the US for childhood immunization rates. In the latest report from the Department of Health and the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition in 13 counties of Colorado less than half of the children are adequately vaccinated. The report indicated that 57,000 students and 8,000 children in licensed day care centers in Colorado are not up to date with their immunizations. Most of this lack of immunization of our children is not for medical or religious reasons but rather because misinformation surrounding the dangers of immunization, the lack of information about the benefits of immunization, and also the ease with which parents can opt out of shots for their children. Besides the unnecessary suffering of children, in 2015 charges for the treatment of vaccine-preventable diseases in Colorado children totaled more than \$35 million added to our health care costs, not to mention the indirect costs from loss of work and wages of parents caring for these children. Many of us recently spent a day of gratitude with family and friends. This year let us carry our gratitude into action and do our best to create awareness and change in the world, particularly when it comes to health. In our district, we are blessed with access to immunizations, healthcare, and resources, and despite the limitations of the system, we are incredibly lucky to have this access and thus reap its benefits, from disease prevention and treatment to longer life spans. Now it is our duty as Rotarians to expand these resources to our entire communities and beyond."

<https://rotary5450.org/stories/december-is-rotary-international-family-month/>

Foundation Minute wishes every Rotarian a pleasant end of the year and a much-renewed zest in 2025.

In Rotary,
Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary
Editor, Foundation Minute.

Polio Update as of 12/21

Terry's Polio Eradication Update

For the week ending 12/21/24

Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,

Four new Wild Polio paralysis case reported this week. We are now 3 weeks since the most recent report of a child being paralyzed by the Wild Polio Virus in Pakistan.

Polio In The News - Since this past Wednesday's New York Times article with Robert F Kennedy Jr's lawyer, I have had a lot of questions and comments from Rotarians and non-Rotarians. You probably have also. I have read the article and have heard comments on the news. Rotary has been incredibly careful over the years not to engage in political situations.

The global community including Rotary has long recognized polio as a life-threatening disease that is vaccine preventable. A disease which once caused over 500,000 children to die or become disabled each year, has seen cases reduced by 99.9%. Every country in the world administers polio vaccines.

You can tell people that Rotary will continue to raise funds for polio eradication and continue to advocate for the vaccination of children all over the world. Rotarians will never give up and together we will end polio. This is Rotary's promise to the children of the world. Robert Hall, Vice Chair Fundraising, Rotary International's Together We End Polio Campaign, Past Director Rotary International

"Efforts to undermine public confidence in proven cures are not just uninformed—they're dangerous," said Sen. Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.), adding that the polio vaccine has saved millions of lives. "Anyone seeking the Senate's consent to serve in the incoming administration would do well to steer clear of even the appearance of association with such efforts," said McConnell, who had polio as a child.

The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries:

Pakistan Four new Wild Polio case reported this week. Sixty-three Wild Polio cases reported in 2024. Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 11/29/24. Eight WPV1 Environmental Samples and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.

Afghanistan No new Wild Polio cases reported this week. Twenty-five Wild Polio cases reported in 2024. Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 11/05/24. No WPV1 Environmental Samples and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Afghanistan.

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!

Over 3 Billion Children Immunized

21,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!

Terry Ziegler, Polio Update Newsletter Editor

Rotary Region 36 END POLIO NOW Coordinator 2024-27

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The PolioPlus Society



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's Number One Priority,
I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the

PolioPlus Society of District 6000

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

- \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because...

Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and certificate and your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition Points credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation you can...

- Go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice. (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.) It would be advisable for you to notify your Club Foundation Chair of your donation.
- You can make a check out to The Rotary Foundation with "PolioPlus" in the memo section and send a copy of this form and your check to your Club's Foundation Chair.

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____ Club Name _____

Rotary ID # _____ (located on the Rotary Magazine mailing label above your name)

Please email this form to Susan Herrick, D6000 PolioPlus Chair at susancps47@gmail.com. Your PolioPlus Society certificate and pin will be sent to your club president and will be presented at a club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

Sign up today!

See S.K Nanda for more details!