

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



OCTOBER 14, 2026

OCTOBER IS

ECONOMIC
AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
MONTH

"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community,
it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."
Loshini Naidoo



The meeting began with.....

Greetings and Handshakes:

- All members shared a "hello" and "welcome" with each other.

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:

- Marcia Erickson - Marcia's dad just entered hospice. Prayers to him and Marcia's family.
- Fred Anderson - The brave people of Ukraine
- SK Nanda - Our troops

Guests:

- No guests joined the group today, but President Marcia encouraged members to bring friends and colleagues to meetings, so they can be introduced to the great things Rotary does.



COMING UP...

October 21st



Kevin Kwak
PGA Professional



October 23rd

Blanket Drive Kick Off
Pintz 4 Polio

October 24th

Polio Walk

Announcements

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PINTZ 4 POLIO
Good Drinks. Greater Impact.

Tips Change Lives!

A Healthier World is on Tap

WHEN: Friday, October 23, 2026
TIME: 5 – 7pm
WHERE: Harrington's Pub – 2321 Cumberland Square, Bettendorf IA
WHY: Social fun together with a purpose to benefit Rotary International Polio Plus – worldwide efforts to eradicate Polio.
HOW: Generous tips and donations will be collected by guest bartenders of Bettendorf Rotary Club!

CONNECTION - FRIENDSHIPS - FUN!!

WORLD'S LARGEST POLIO WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

10 a.m. at Vibrant Arena at the Mark

- Walk registration and donations: poliowalk.org
- Day of volunteer signup: [Sign up here](#)
- Promotional video: [Watch and share](#)

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BLANKET DRIVE-THRU
Warm Up. Lift Up. Give Hope.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 AM – 6:30 PM

KWQC-TV 6
805 Brady Street, Davenport, IA

BRING YOUR NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS

DRIVE-THRU • DROP OFF • HELP A NEIGHBOR

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To Donate Go To: ➔ RotaryBlanketDrive.org

What you need to know:

- Collection boxes will be delivered to sites next week.
- Members are welcome to start bringing in blankets.
- 25 agencies have been contacted and are interested in receiving blanket donations.
- If anyone knows of an agency that would like blankets but is not on the current list to receive them, [contact Steve Sorensen](#).
- The blanket project is this month's charity for the "3 Degree Guarantee" donation from WQAD.

Happy Bucks

- **Dick Hanzelka** | Dick's talented grandson ran the Chicago Marathon in 2 hours and 23 minutes, which is a pace just a hair over the Olympic qualifying time.
- **Larry Thein** | Larry's son has finished up his college baseball career and is now coaching his favorite sport at Des Moines Area Community College.



Paul Harris Fellow

A Paul Harris Fellow is an honor awarded by Rotary International to individuals who contribute at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation, recognizing a commitment to the many humanitarian efforts the foundation supports around the world.

Bailey Pribyl is the latest BRC member to receive the Paul Harris fellow honor. Although he has only been a member since September of 2025, Bailey understands the importance of The Rotary Foundation and the important work it supports.

Foundation Chair SK Nanda presented Bailey with the award and thanked him for his contributions.



Bailey Pribyl and Foundation Chair
SK Nanda



This Week's Program

Shelby Kluver

After growing up in South Dakota and going to school at Loyola in Chicago, Shelby Kluver got an offer to join WQAD in Moline. She was unfamiliar with the area, but graduating in the midst of COVID, her job prospects had diminished.

Now, after seven years at the station, Shelby is happy to call the Quad Cities her home. The area has much to offer for a reporter looking for good stories. As a bistate region, there is always something interesting to report. Whether its a non-profit doing amazing work, educators doing something innovative, or local governments making decisions that impact the community, there is a story that should be reported.

Shelby encourages people to stay informed about their community by tuning into local news. Things are happening every day that impact the lives of the people who live here. As a citizen herself, Shelby cares about local events, because they impact her as well.

Shelby hosts *The Current* from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The show features news, weather, sports, and other local events, with live, local guests.



Community Economic Development Month

The Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development (RAGCED) is a source of knowledge and expertise that helps Rotarians plan, implement, and manage impactful and sustainable economic development projects and create lasting change in poor and underserved communities.

Agricultural development projects support smallholder farmers by providing them with access to improved seeds, irrigation techniques, and sustainable farming practices.

One project involved the introduction of a drip irrigation system to a drought-prone area, combined with training sessions on sustainable farming practices and crop management, thereby increasing crop yields and farmers' incomes.



Consider a gift to The Rotary Foundation and help create lasting change, one community at a time. [CLICK HERE](#)
[Contact Foundation Chair SK Nanda](#) for more information.

Happy *October* Birthday

5th
Deb Mueller

16th
Tom Olson

27th
Amy Vollmer

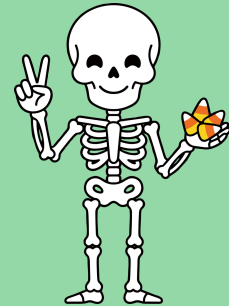
6th
Tom Howard

18th
Bryce Bowers

31st
Carrie Lamb
Gabe Wells

15th
Ken Lane
Pat Thornton

19th
Lee Marbach



Happy BRC Anniversary

41 Years
SK Nanda

16 Years
Steve Sorensen

5 Years
Josh Whitson

31 Years
Mark Ross

13 Years
Jennifer Naeve

4 Years
Mitch Dietrich
Heather Egger

21 Years
Harry Coin

10 Years
Ron Crist

Daryn Smith
Mhisho Vounge-Lynch

17 Years
Brad Boeye

7 Years
Monica Kruse





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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

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