

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



OCTOBER 21, 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:

- Fred Anderson - The brave people of Ukraine
- SK Nanda - Our troops

Songs:

- Because our regular music masters were absent today, Jerry Higgs led the group in a karaoke version of "Here Comes the Sun".



Guests:

- Craig White and Stephanie Millage, both were guests of Patt Englander and Pat Engelhaupt.



COMING UP...

October 28th



Linda Nelson
Market Leader



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 were delivered to public sites this 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 drive will be promoted on local TV stations, including a spot that Ann Kappeler will do on WHBF.

More Announcements

- **Rotary Celebration**

On Saturday, November 7, the Rotary Club of Davenport is commemorating their 115th anniversary, and they are inviting all Rotaries to help them celebrate.

Here are the particulars:

Saturday, November 7, 2026

6:00 to 8:30 PM

Mississippi Hall, The River Center (Adler Theatre side)

136 E 3rd St, Davenport

Tickets are \$30 per person. [Register here.](#)

You can view and share the flyer here.

Every Rotarian is welcome, and the room is better with all of us in it.



- **Holiday Baskets**

Thanksgiving and Christmas basket delivery sign up is underway. Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered on Saturday, November 21st, with pick up at the Devils Glen HyVee from 8 to 11 a.m. Contact [Jake Eikenberry](#) or [Kurt Lokenvitz](#) for more information.



- **Two Rotarians Needed**

To assist Halloween Parade participants to find their spot in the line-up, 2 Rotarians are needed. Harry Coin and Kurt Lokenvitz will be helping, but 2 more folks would make everything run smoother this Saturday. The gig is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and you'll be done in time to enjoy the parade yourself. Contact Harry or Kurt if you are interested.

- **Cyber Alert**

Harry Coin informed everyone of an issue that could impact 70% of all worldwide websites. The breach allows the bad actor to access all data stored on the impacted sites, and they can perform any operations that a website administration would be able to do. A fix is available. Website administrators should be contacted to assist with this issue.



Happy Bucks

The tradition of putting in \$2 for Happy Bucks goes back many years at our club. Originally, \$1 went to the Rotary Foundation and the other \$1 went to the club. Over the years, the \$2 tradition has evolved, and now, President Marcia tells us that Happy Bucks pay for the \$8000 holiday basket program.



So, don't forget your \$2.00 each week or, you can always Venmo!

- **Frank Mitvalsky** | Frank enjoyed his latest Fall float adventure, although weather required a more rigorous paddle and impeded his beer consumption.
- **Beth Clark** | Since 1982 when she was working in Madison, Wisconsin and cheering for the Milwaukee Brewers in the World Series, Beth has been waiting for another chance. We all know what she'll be doing this Friday.
- **Bill Daley** | Bill's dad is home from the hospital after undergoing a quadruple bypass surgery.
- **Gabe Wells** | While on a break from school, Gabe took his kids to the Henry Ford Museum, which was interesting for all. The museum has a voting rights exhibit that prompted Gabe to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election.
- **Tracy Rommel** | It has been 2 ½ weeks since Tracy's son's wedding, and it is 2 ½ weeks until her daughter's wedding. Other than that, Tracy doesn't have much going on.
- **Jerry Higgs** | Jerry's daughter passed the requirements to become a nurse. He is not only proud of her but also glad she'll be off his payroll.
- **John Gnatovich** | John is proud to be part of a club that supports the polio walk this weekend, and he encouraged everyone to invite others to join Rotary.
- **Sandy Yoder** | Following up on a recommendation from fellow Rotarians, Sandy took his grandkids to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, and it was great.

This Week's Program

Kevin Kwak, PGA Professional

PGA Professional Kevin Kwak has had many golf-related jobs, but he was never a business owner until he opened The Rock Pile at Pebble Creek.

Named after the slang for a driving range, The Rock Pile is a TOPTRACER RANGE, and the only one of its kind within a 50 mile radius of the Quad Cities. It has indoor/outdoor hitting bays that are powered by TOPTRACER RANGE technology, which is a computerized gaming system that gives distance data on every shot and shows the shot trajectory.

The system allows users to play a game or play a virtual round of golf at one of 45 world famous courses, including St. Andrews and Pebble Beach. Bays accommodate up to six people, are suited for all ages and skill levels, and are great for team building experiences.

In addition to The Rock Pile business, Kevin is also the women's golf coach at St. Ambrose University. He provides private lessons at a rate of \$100/hr. or a series of 3 for \$250.

Kevin can be reached for more information at 563-514-5079 or sales@therockpileatpebblecreek.com.



Community Economic Development Month

This month is a time to spotlight efforts to help communities build a thriving, sustainable future and empower people to guide their own progress.

A recent initiative in India unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women lose social standing and are shunned by society. Opportunities to support themselves are minimal.

The Rotary Club of Ontario, partnered with clubs in India to provide sewing machines and training to 80 women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing machine-provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracised by society after widowhood.



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

Happy *October* Birthday

5th
Deb Mueller

16th
Tom Olson

27th
Amy Vollmer

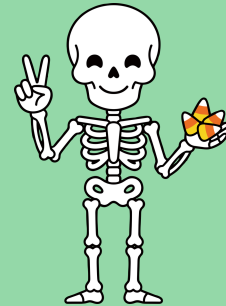
6th
Tom Howard

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 VOUNG-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