Rotary Club of Bettendorf

OCTOBER 28, 2026



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 - Exercise your right to vote
- SK Nanda - Our troops
- Marcia Erickson - Harlan Sundholm, father of Julie Sundholm, passed away last week.
- Tim Lane - Former BRC member Mike Lizak recently had a stroke and is receiving rehab in Chicago.

Guests:

- Mike Wulf, guest of Mike Vondran
- Julia Marbach, guest and spouse of Lee Marbach
- Eric Spriet, Assistant Vice President and Commerical Loan Officer at Blackhawk Bank and new potential member

COMING UP...

November 4th

humility HOMES & SERVICES

Travis Fisher-King

November 21st

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

Festival of Trees Volunteer Opportunity

November 25th



Proud to be a Bettendorf Rotarian





The drive through event at KWQC garnered 656 blankets and $898 in donations to be used to purchase more blankets

Help is needed on Saturday morning at the warehouse to sort and organize the blankets collected. Contact Joe Campion for details.









Pintz 4 Polio last Friday night raised $456 for the cause. Lots of Rotarians joined the fun, but a special thanks goes to Jake Eikenberry and Heather Egger for serving as guest bartenders.







Announcements

Rotary Celebration

The Rotary Club of Davenport is commemorating their 115th anniversary, and they are inviting all Rotaries to help them celebrate.

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.

Registrations deadline is this Friday.

Holiday Baskets Delivery



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.

Thanks to everyone who has already committed for Thanksgiving. Only a few more people are needed to get to the magic number of 20 volunteers. Contact Jake Eikenberry or Kurt Lokenvitz for more information.

Update Your Info



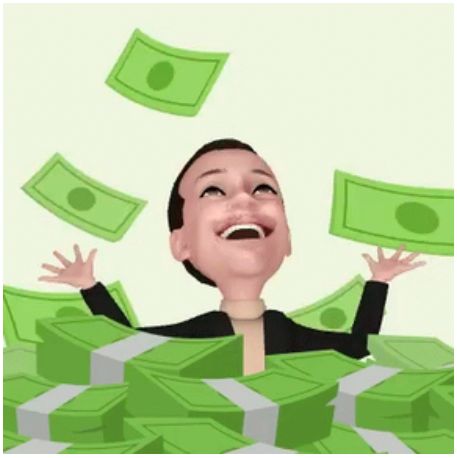
Vocational Chair Jerry Higgs is encouraging all Rotarians to update their information in ClubRunner. Forms are available to fill in the information, or you can visit ClubRunner and do it yourself. Upload a photo too, so new members (and some seasoned ones, as well) know who you are.

Get in the Holiday Spirit

Didn't sign up for holiday basket delivery? That's ok, you can still make yourself useful on Saturday, November 21st. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., nine Rotarians are needed to work at admissions for the Festival of Trees event.

Volunteers are needed fast, so if you're interested, contact Beth Clark ASAP!

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!

- ***Harry Coin*** | On behalf of the City of Bettendorf, Harry was happy to thank Kurt Lokenvitz for helping marshal 39 floats to their proper locations for the Halloween Parade.

- ***Mitch Dietrich*** | Mitch was happy to be back to a meeting after a busy few months when he changed jobs. He is now a Commercial Insurance Specialist with Lohman Companies.

- ***Brad Boeye*** | While attending a convention in Las Vegas, Brad's team was recognized as #1 in transactions and volume among the 36,000 Real Broker agents. He was equally happy that the Illini beat Oregon last weekend.

- ***John Gnatovich*** | Never one to be short on happiness, John was "overjoyed" about the camaraderie and community support displayed during last week's blanket and polio events.

- ***Lee Marbach*** | Lee is celebrating both a birthday and a wedding anniversary in October.

- ***Monica Kruse*** | As Veteran's Day approaches, Monica reminded all to contact her if anyone wants to nominate a veteran to receive a Quilt of Valor to honor someone's service.

- ***Craig Windmiller*** | Tom Olson and Mike Simons are both in Florida. Apparently, Craig is happy about that.



This Week's Program

Julie Eastridge, Director of Markting and Growth



Over $8 billion has been lost by businesses from '22 to '24 due to email scams. These scams come in many forms, including fake invoices, fake government notices, phishing, and fake trademark or domain renewals. Employees should be suspicious if emails include urgency, a request for new payment details, surprise invoices, or a need for secrecy.

To avoid being fooled by scams, people should verify information by a phone call, not using a number included in the email; having procedures that require a dual verification for payments; training team members; and reporting scams to the BBB.

Scammers are becoming more sophisticated and are using AI to make things seem even more authentic.

The BBB offers free tools to assist businesses and individuals. BBB.org can be used to check on a business prior to being hired. The BBB Scam Tracker tracks scams. BBB.org/scamstudies is an in depth look at scams and provides tips. Give.org can be used prior to donating to charities.

Help Shape the Future of Child Care in Scott County

Child care affects our workforce and local economy. What we don't know is exactly where the gaps are in Scott County, particularly for families working second, third, or rotating shifts. We won't have better local data until we start asking better questions.

Hand in Hand and community partners are conducting the Scott County Child Care Study to help identify needs, develop legislative platforms, and guide future investments.
Rotarians can help in three simple ways:

- Business leaders: Ask your HR team to complete the employer survey and share the caregiver survey with employees. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScottCCEmployer
- Parents and caregivers: Share your experiences, challenges, and child care needs. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScottCCCaregivers
- Community connectors: Forward the study to your networks, particularly families and employers with nontraditional work schedules.

Deadline: November 6, 2026
Thank you for helping turn better information into action!
Links to copy and share
Families: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScottCCCaregivers
Employers: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScottCCEmployer
Providers: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScottCCProviders

Happy October Birthday

5th
Deb Mueller

6th
Tom Howard

15th
Ken Lane
Pat Thornton

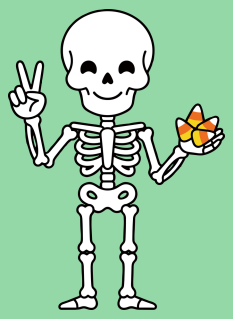
16th
Tom Olson

18th
Bryce Bowers

19th
Lee Marbach

27th
Amy Vollmer

31st
Carrie Lamb
Gabe Wells



Happy BRC Anniversary

41 Years
SK Nanda

31 Years
Mark Ross

21 Years
Harry Coin

17 Years
Brad Boeye

16 Years
Steve Sorensen

13 Years
Jennifer Naeve

10 Years
Ron Crist

7 Years
Monica Kruse

5 Years
Josh Whitson

4 Years
Mitch Dietrich
Heather Egger
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Mhisho Voung-Lynch



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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