Rotary Club of Bettendorf

NOVEMBER 11, 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 - God bless America.
- SK Nanda - Our troops
- Marcia Erickson - Bill Daley’s mother died, surrounded by her loved ones. She was 95 years old and lived at The Fountains.

Guests:

- Jeff Smith, guest of Joe Campion
- Shannon Vogler, guest of Tracy Rommel
- Ron Froeschle, guest of John Rabine
- Nancy Nolan, a visiting Rotarian and guest of Ken Lane

Veterans Recognition:

In honor of their service, veterans in attendance today shared a little bit about their experience in the armed forces. Those recognized today were:

- Dave Falk - US Navy
- Craig Windmiller - US Navy
- Ken Vandersnick - US Navy
- Fred Anderson - US Air Force
- SK Nanda - US Army Corp of Engineers



COMING UP...

November 18th



Liz Quinn
Chief of Operations

Wide River WINERY

November 21st

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

Festival of Trees Volunteer Opportunity

November 25th



Announcements

- ## *Christmas* Holiday Baskets Delivery



Community Service Chair Kurt Lokenvitz is looking for volunteers to purchase Christmas gifts and deliver food baskets to families on Saturday, December 19th.

Contact Kurt if you are interested in helping with this important club project.

- ## Update ClubRunner



Have you changed jobs? Do you have a new email? Have you moved in the last few years? All Rotarians are encouraged to visit your profile in ClubRunner and update information. Upload a photo too, so everyone can put a face to a name.

- ## Help at Festival of Trees



Lots of volunteers are still needed on Saturday, November 21st at the Festival of Trees from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to work at admissions.

If you're interested, contact Beth Clark or Kurt Lokenvitz!

- ## A Blanket Statement

According to the Blanket Baron, Joe Campion, approximately 1100 blankets have been collected thus far, and Rotarians are beginning to get them to the agencies. Monetary donations have also been coming in, so more blankets can be purchased.

Joe displayed his Rotarian spirit this week while delivering blankets to St. Anthony Church. While there, he saw a woman lying on the ground and asked her if she needed a blanket. She said, no, but she needed to get the wheel on her wheelchair fixed. So, Joe pulled tools from his superhero utility belt and got to work. He repaired her wheelchair and sent her on her way.



Happy Bucks



Your bucks of happiness pay for the holiday basket program, which costs about $8000. So, don't forget to throw in your $2.00 each week, even if you're not particularly happy. If you're unusually happy or commemorating something special in your life, feel free to throw in more.

No cash? You can always Venmo!

- ***Tracy Rommel*** | Tracy survived wedding number 2 with her daughter's nuptials taking place last Saturday. This wedding followed her son's wedding 5 weeks ago.

- ***Linda Wood*** | Junior Achievement's Quad Cities Inspire Career Expo is tomorrow and Friday. With the opportunity to explore many different careers, 4000 8th grade students will attend. Linda is looking for 2 volunteers to help herd kids to different places throughout the expo. Help is needed from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Linda Wood.

- ***Gary Mohr*** **|** Gary was happy to be re-elected to the Iowa House for another two-year term. Whether you are in his district or not and regardless of whether or not you voted for him, Gary wants to hear your ideas.

- ***John Gnatovich*** | John was happy about the Bears and Hawkeye victories. He was also happy to be a part of the Jaycee's Wine and Chocolate Experience, where he had a booth next to Penny McGimpsey.

- ***Penny McGimpsey*** | Penny was happy to be a part of the Jaycee's fundraiser, where her husband enjoyed a considerable amount of John's popcorn. She was also happy and wet from serving coffee at the Davenport Veteran's Day parade, which was halted due to rain, hail, wind, etc. Penny gave a shout out to fellow Rotarian and owner of QC Fuel, Mitch Deitrich, for helping her radio station, WQUD 107.7 Vintage Radio, supply the coffee to the crowd.

- ***Decker Ploehn*** | Decker excused his tardiness, as well as the mayor's, and explained they were at the Bettendorf Veteran's Day celebration, which was not nearly as eventful as Davenport's because it was bright, sunny, and dry.

This Week's Program

Amber Wood, President

If Amber Wood was going to sum up her experience at the Rotary International Convention in one word, she would say "connections". Going into it, Amber was not sure what to expect, but her experience far outweighed anything she could have imagined. Hearing about Rotary projects from around the world gave Amber a sense of pride for being a part of an organization that does so much good.

This past summer, Amber represented the Rotary Club of Rock Island when she and her fiancee flew 16 hours to the convention in Taipei, Taiwan. From the time they arrived, through the convention, and during their extended visit, they found the country and people to be kind and welcoming.

One of the highlights of the convention was a general session with speaker Malala Yousafzai, who is a Pakistani human rights and female education activist. She is also the youngest Nobel Prize laureate in history.

Amber strongly encourages Rotarians to attend a convention, whether it is held near or far. The experience is inspiring.

Rotary Club of Rock Island

Rotary International Convention

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November: Rotary Foundation Month

Let's start with the basics:

The Rotary Foundation ....

- ....is the philanthropic and charitable arm of Rotary International.
- ....is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends.
- ....was started in 1917 with a $26.50 contribution.
- ....has a mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through health, education, environmental protection, and poverty alleviation.
- ....has invested over $4 billion globally.
- ....grants funds that target peace, fighting disease, cleaning water, providing maternal and child health, promoting education, supporting local economies and the environment.
- ....has a flagship initiative to eradicate polio.



Contact Foundation Chair SK Nanda for more information.

Happy November Birthday

4th
Fred Anderson
Ray Brauer

5th
Jennifer Naeve

6th
Beth Clark

30th
Ken Vandersnick





Happy BRC Anniversary

19 Years
Jerry Felsing

13 Years
Michael Hurd

10 Years
Joe Campion

7 Years
Pat Thornton

3 Years
Craig Wagner

2 Years
Chad Nichols

1 Year
Deb Boland



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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