

NEWSLETTER

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

MEETING LOCATION

Wednesday @ 12pm

Tanglewood Hills Pavilion
4250 Middle Road
Bettendorf, IA 52722

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EMAIL ADDRESS

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WEBSITE

bettendorfrotary.com

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

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HAPPY FOUNDATION MONTH



Announcements

- Holiday Basket Sign-ups
- See attachment within newsletter for details or contact Marcia Erickson
- **Make sure to check out the BRC Apparel Store!**
[HERE](#)
- Decker – Reminder Wed 11/27 – Festival celebrity luncheon – river center north – has been mc 34 years ago..... GREAT TIME
... don't miss Scott's costume and Mayor Bob's celebrity waiter..... Club sponsors tables so if want to go get with Shelly!

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

- 11/23 - Holiday baskets**
- 11/27. - Celebrity Luncheon**
- 12/18 - Club Holiday Party**

Happy Bucks

- Mike Simmons - \$80 dollars for Yoda Blanket to help Blanket Drive
- Tom Olson - shared a joke regarding “Woll” over the eyes... a “pun” on blanket drive
- Brian Struesz - Excited that last 180 days PV girls sports has 5 state titles, Bettendorf girls has 1 state title AND shout out to both schools for the hard work on Student Hunger Drive
- Bob Gallegher - excited that his wife Jen could join the meeting today
- Scott Naumann - Birthday this weekend!

MEMBERS:

- **Current Members: 121**
- **Membership Goal: 135**



GUEST Alert!!!! - Deanna from North Scott Rotary joined and brought a potential new member for the club, Alison Ryley, who works at the Quad Cities Chamber



Gretchen shared that she accepted the position of District Governor to serve in 2027-2028 D6000.

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



On Friday, November 9th we are going to sort the blankets we received at the KWQC blanket drive. The club took in 453 blankets and \$1,100 dollars to date to be able to purchase more blankets



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

Club Grant Details

The Bettendorf Rotary Club Announces the Opening of Grant Applications November 1, 2024 with Applications Applications can be found on the Rotary Club website.

There is one change to this year's application: the Grant Award will now be up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Applications are due December 1, 2024

2024 Bettendorf Rotary Club \$5,000 Grant Applications Being Accepted

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph Pacha
jpacha@ilstu.edu 309-838-7126

Bettendorf, Iowa – The Rotary Club of Bettendorf is seeking applications for grants of up to \$5,000 from qualified non-profit organizations in the Quad Cities. Applications will be available on the Bettendorf Rotary Club website on November 1, 2024. The application deadline is December 1, 2024.

The Bettendorf Rotary's grants committee accepts applications once a year from non-profit organizations that provide basic human services, serve youth or meet local community needs. Previous grantees are encouraged to apply, as well as those who have not received a grant previously.

“Even though we are a Bettendorf club, we actively consider requests from qualified organizations throughout the Quad-City community,” said Joe Pacha, chair of the granting committee. Bettendorf Rotary generates funds for philanthropic purposes primarily through their Lobsterfest fundraising event.

To be considered for a grant, an organization must complete the online application form – at <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/> – by December 1st.

Grants are not awarded to groups for annual fundraising, organizational endowments, deficit financing, grants to individuals, scholarship funds, political groups or activities, Rotarians and their families, or for sectarian purposes. The Bettendorf Rotary Club was chartered on May 22, 1957. Over 100 members strong, the club lives the Rotary motto – “Service above Self” – by funding and participating in projects locally, nationally and internationally. The club meets at noon every Wednesday at the Tanglewood Pavilion, 4250 Middle Road, Bettendorf. To learn more about Bettendorf Rotary, visit www.bettendorfrotary.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF

Holiday Basket Sign Ups

Holiday Basket Sign ups - contact Marcia Erickson for any questions!



marciaerickson@actioncoach.com



THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BASKET SIGN UP

Thank you for joining us in bringing holiday cheer to families in need in Bettendorf!

If you're willing to deliver baskets, please provide your contact information and how many baskets you are willing to deliver.

Baskets will be available for pickup on the following dates at the HyVee on Devils Glen & Middle. Ask for the baskets in the Produce Department. They will have your name and assigned basket:

- Saturday November 23rd, 2024
- Saturday December 21st, 2024

NOTE: You will be provided the contact information for the family that you will be delivering to at least a week beforehand. Please **CONTACT THE FAMILY** prior to the delivery date and confirm that they will be home and share that you are with the Bettendorf Rotary and were provided their info from the City of Bettendorf (if they ask). Please contact Marcia Erickson with questions (815) 590-1487. Also, notify Marcia if you are not able to deliver for **BOTH** Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF CONGRATULATIONS

Decker Ploehn



United Way Quad Cities

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A wise person once said: "We have the right leadership with the right vision for the Quad Cities. The time to act is now."

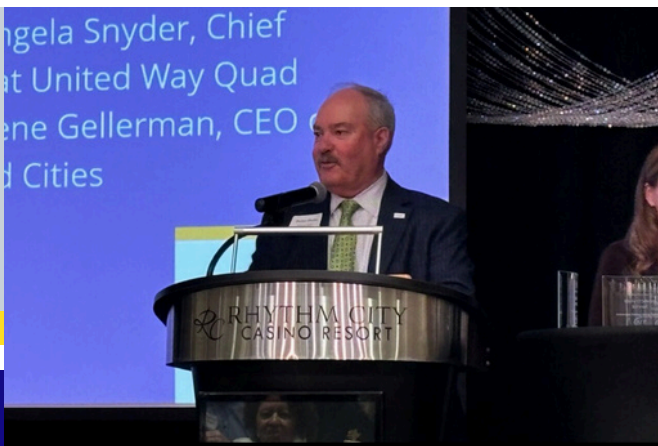
Ironically, that person – [Decker Ploehn](#) – is one of the most fervent leaders in unlocking opportunity for everyone who calls the QC home.

Help us congratulate Decker: @The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) IL, Quad Cities Chapter and [Quad Cities Community Foundation's](#) National Philanthropy Day ✨ **Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser.** ✨

This award honors those who demonstrate unmatched skills mobilizing and activating others to lift up nonprofits.

As a [#UnitedWayQC](#) Board Member, 2024 Community Campaign Chair, prestigious Tocqueville Society Member and champion for many causes in our community, Decker holds a special place in our hearts. He's made a lasting impact to help more neighbors in need to reach their potential.

📷 Pictured: Decker, Jayne Ploehn, [Karrie Abbott](#) and [Angela Snyder](#)



ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Rotarian, Bob
Gallagher Jr..
presented on
MRCTI...
Mississippi, River
Cities and Towns
Initiative



Rotary

Club of Bettendorf

PROGRAM SPEAKER

 WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH

 12:00
PM

MAYOR BOB GALLAGHER
PAST PRESIDENT
MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES &
TOWNS INITIATIVE

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Rotarian, Bob Gallagher Jr.. presented on MRCTI...
Mississippi, River Cities and Towns Initiative

Testimonials

"Red Lake Nation is proud to be a part of an agreement with MRCTI. We must be vigilant in protecting the Mississippi River..." *Hon. Darrell G. Seki, Chairman, Red Lake Nation*

"MRCTI gives our cities a powerful voice to address impacts that effect us all throughout Middle America," *Hon. Stacy Kinder, Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO.*

"I (was) honored to be part of the MRCTI delegation to Dubai where we announced the deployment of resilience projects across 45 cities and 9 Mississippi River States," *Hon. LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans, LA*

Broad Policy Successes

- Led effort to form Mississippi River Caucus
- Wrote and led passage, funding of the STORM Act
- Led effort to enact a full-river ecosystem program
- Restored Marine Hwy Grant Program from \$0 to nearly \$80 million
- Worked to secure whole river as a Critical Conservation Area

City Project Successes

- \$8 million in IRA funds for the Quad Cities region;
- \$1 million for community center upgrades, East St. Louis, IL;
- \$500k for broadband connectivity, Alton, IL
- \$350k for Disaster Resilience and Response, Newport, MN;
- \$2 million for downtown commercial corridor, Greenville, MS
- \$4 million for waterfront corridor Memphis, TN;
- Deployed the Corridor's first Environmental Impact Bonds for Memphis and New Orleans

Mayor-Led

MRCTI is a Mayor-led, effort empowering the ten States and over one hundred cities that border the waterway to act for its continued prosperity, sustainability, and economic growth. The MRCTI builds capacity of member cities to undertake effective local initiatives to attract jobs, move to sustainable economies, and achieve local environmental protection goals; ultimately, protecting and restoring the Mississippi River as a natural system.

MRCTI Infrastructure Facility

MRCTI International Food and Water Security Program

MRCTI DISASTER RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PROGRAM

MRCTI Plastic Waste Campaign

MRCTI

Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
1520 Market Street, Suite 2000
St. Louis, MO 63103
www.mrcti.org

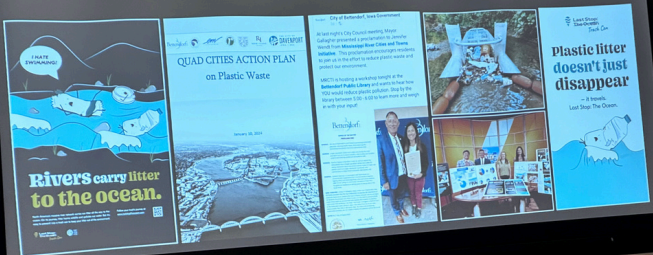
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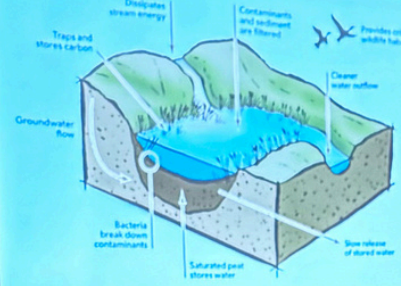
Mississippi, River
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Quad Cities – Last Stop: The Ocean Campaign

- Public Workshops for education, awareness, and input on plastic pollution
- Creation of a Quad Cities Action Plan on Plastic Waste
- Local media campaign
- Full Quad Cities Participation



Natural Infrastructure (NI)



Natural Infrastructure to Better Protect Communities from the Impacts of River Flooding and Drought

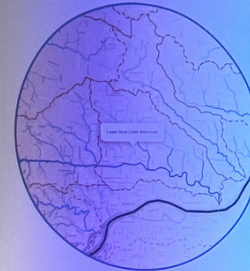
Ambition to deliver multi-benefit wetland and floodplain projects

- Flood resilience
- Improved water quality
- Outdoor recreation and tourism
- Reliable transportation
- Protect critical infrastructure
- Increasing forest cover
- Wildlife and biodiversity



Example - Scott County Iowa Working Lands for Resilient Communities

Funded: \$8 Million for Watershed Implementation (USDA RCPP); \$3.1 Million Match

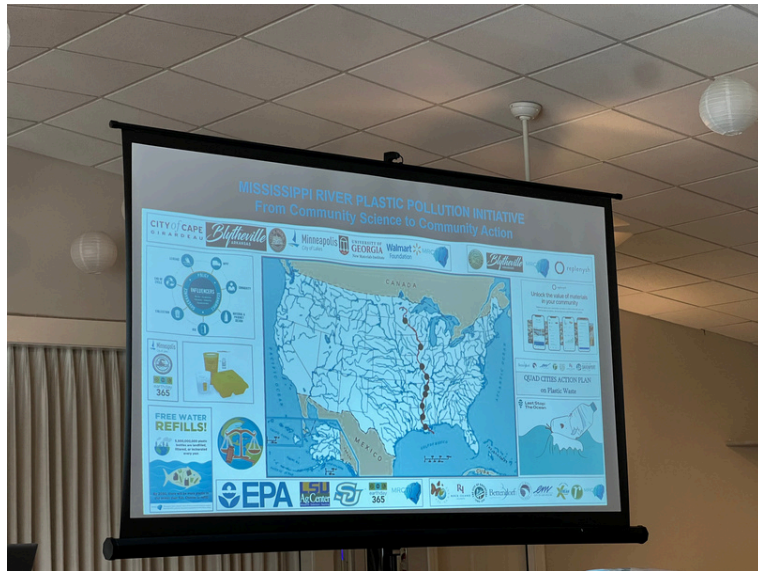


- Plans:
 - Partners of Scott County Watersheds (PSCW)
 - Iowa Nutrient Reduction Loss Strategy
 - Quad Cities Mayors (MRCTI Cities)
- Project ID: PSCW & DU
- Proposal Preparation: DU
- Non-Federal Match: DU, MRCTI, PSCW + more
- Engineering & Design: DU
- Recipient/Fiscal Agent: DU
- Funded for Project Delivery: PSCW, DU, MRCTI



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PROGRAM FOR 11/20

Rene Gellerman CEO of United Way Quad Cities, to update us on her new children's book and local literacy efforts! I am grateful for your recent coverage of my children's book and our United Way Quad Cities literacy effort!

While the story is a fun, adventurous read, the book is also part of a larger, important mission: tackling the fact that only 1 in 3 kids nationwide read at grade level by third grade.

In the Quad Cities, 45% of our elementary students are struggling to meet this milestone, putting their educational future at risk.

That's why we're working to get this book into the hands of all 3,000 Quad Cities 2nd graders—to inspire, empower, and support their reading journey.

Every book sold helps fund United Way literacy programs, providing resources to ensure kids have the support they need to succeed.

In just one week, we've sold over 150 books, with many generous people buying copies for local 2nd graders. THANK YOU, friends! 🙏😊

We're just getting started! #KidsUnited #UnitedWayQC

📖 Buy a book at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or here:
[https://shop.lightningsource.com/b/085?](https://shop.lightningsource.com/b/085?rOmbzDKjxjTRCZLWi4LztAzvhOtqP0pRmxQE3LpEOhh)

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📖 Gift a book to a QC 2nd grader:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/0i4r5Q?vid=18xk43>



ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF 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

Wednesday 11/20 - Rene Gellerman
CEO of United Way Quad cities



Congrats to Tom Howard in getting an updated pin for Paul Harris Fellow, as Tom is now a PHF+2. Thanks for your support to The Rotary Foundation!

YOUR CURRENT BRC BOARD

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

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Any questions, please email :
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ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Name	Date
Anderson, Frederick	4-Nov
Naeve, Jennifer	5-Nov
Womack, Lindsey	15-Nov
Naumann, Scott	16-Nov
Vandersnick, Kenneth	30-Nov



Anniversary

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Ploehn, Decker		49 years	Nov. 29 1975
Schneden, Peggy	Bob	36 years	Nov. 15 1988
McGimpsey, Penny	Bill	35 years	Nov. 24 1989
Bormann, Rick	Anne	30 years	Nov. 25 1994
Scranton, Paul	Emily	25 years	Nov. 27 1999

Name	Years	Date
Felsing, Jerry	17 years	Nov. 07 2007
Campion, Joe	8 years	Nov. 02 2016
Anis, Aymman	5 years	Nov. 06 2019
Thornton, Pat	5 years	Nov. 06 2019
Wagner, Craig	1 year	Nov. 15 2023
Skaggs, Kristin	1 year	Nov. 15 2023
Womack, Lindsey	1 year	Nov. 15 2023

JOIN US FOR CASI'S 2024

BLITZEN BASH

*Raising funds for CASI and our
Senior SECRET Santa program*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Online Silent Auction ▲ Cash Bars with Holiday Hooch
Freddie Allen Quartet ▲ Food, Fun & Festive Treats ▲ More



At the center of this evening: raising funds for CASI and the Senior SECRET Santa program, ensuring more than a thousand low-income seniors receive a gift and are remembered during the holiday season.

**Tickets are just \$20. Get 'Em Now
at CASIBlitzzenBash.com**

Online Auction Starts November 18



ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF



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!

ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF

The District 6000 One Summit is set for November 23rd. This is a great way to get more training and background on Rotary. The session is in Coralville, but if a person is unable to travel, Larry Thein is helping to coordinate some group watch parties for the broadcast online.

Save the date!

- The Magic of Rotary – Making Your Club Irresistible is important for all Rotarians.
- Gain insights about how your club can expand its reach, increase its impact, enhance its engagement, and increase its ability to adapt.
- Take ideas back to your club to implement!



One Summit: Membership, Public Image & The Rotary Foundation Working Together

RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1220 FIRST AVE CORALVILLE, IA

Inspiration | Networking |
Instruction
Collaboration | Resource
Awareness

IN PERSON EVENT

and via Zoom

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024

- 8:30-9AM REGISTRATION
- 9AM-12PM - ONE SUMMIT

We hope you will join us, engage in the process and take-home good ideas for your club. And it's all free!

<https://rotary6000.org/event/one-summit/>

Thank You District 6000 Rotarians!!

Norlan Hinke

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