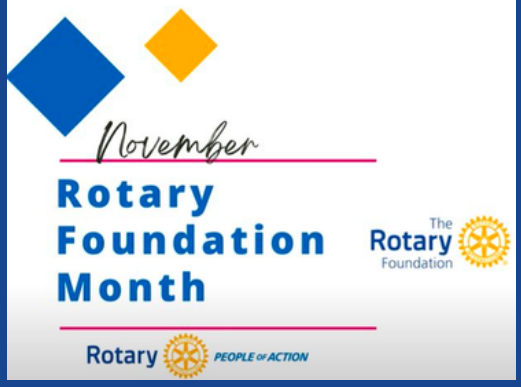
Rotary Club of Bettendorf

NOVEMBER 4, 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 - The brave people of Ukraine
- SK Nanda - Our troops

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” song was sung, and Julie Sundholm was thanked for providing birthday treats.

Guest:

- Sandra Mitchell, guest of Laura Johannsen



Thanks to this crew, the blanket sorting task was accomplished in record time last Saturday. Agency deliveries can now commence.

COMING UP...

November 11th



Amber Wood
President

Rotary Club of Rock Island

November 21st

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

Festival of Trees Volunteer Opportunity

November 25th



Announcements

Holiday Baskets Delivery



The Thanksgiving basket sign up is now complete! Community Service Chair Kurt Lokenvitz will be reaching out to those who stepped up with all the details you'll need.

Next up....Christmas basket sign up. Contact Kurt if you are interested in helping with this important club project.

Update Your Info



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

QUAD CITY ARTS' FESTIVAL OF TREES

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!

Speaking of Festival of Trees....

The raucous Celebrity Luncheon is on Wednesday, November 25th, and BRC typically has 1 or 2 tables at the event. There's no Rotary meeting that day, so you have no excuse.

Party Time this Friday

Rotary Club of Davenport

Tickets are still available for The Rotary Club of Davenport's celebration to commemorate their 115th Rotary anniversary.

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.

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!

- ***Bob Gallagher Sr.*** | Bob was happy and grateful to be at the meeting today after an accident that left his car totaled. The car is a wreck, Bob was a bit of a nervous wreck, but thankfully, he was not injured.

- ***Gwen Tombergs*** | LivWell Cares delivers Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to seniors who are low income or may not have anyone else to share a meal with on the holidays. Drivers are needed to deliver these hot meals. The time commitment is less than 2 hours. Contact Gwen if you'd like to help. (Bob Gallagher Sr. need not apply.)

- ***John Gnatovich*** | John was happy that the Hawkeyes beat the Badgers last week, and that he was able to attend the Visit QC Gala.

- ***Tom Olson*** | Tom had a great trip visiting Fort Lauderdale and Key Largo and attending boat shows. Although he was happy to visit, he was more happy to return to his beloved home in the Quad Cities.

- ***Decker Ploehn*** | Recognized at the recent city council meeting, Harry Coin received the "Extra Mile Award" from Mayor Gallagher. Harry received the award for his commitment to organizing participants, both cooperative and unruly, in the Fourth of July and Halloween parades.

- ***Frank Mitvalsky*** | Frank is not only serving as the announcer for the upcoming Midwest Challenge Swim Meet for the 9th year, he is also a finalist to announce at the Big 10 Championships.

- ***Angie Kendall*** | The deadline to participate in the Scott County Child Care Survey is Friday. Help identify gaps in child care needs. Links to the survey can be found later in this newsletter.

This Week's Program

Travis Fisher-King, Community Engagement Coordinator

Humility Homes and Services (HHS) feel that housing is a human right and that everyone deserves a place to call home. They provide their services with "low barriers", which allows for people who might not otherwise be eligible to receive help, to access the assistance they need. People who have a criminal background, lack a valid ID, or have bad credit are often unable to find help, but HHS will assist.

During the last fiscal year, HHS served nearly 1500 people, with 29,403 nights in a safe shelter. They operate an 88-bed shelter in Davenport and will also operate an emergency shelter in Moline this winter. In addition, their services include street outreach, veterans' programs, rapid rehousing, the Corner Closet, and the Fresh Start Center.



To help, HHS encourages volunteering, contacting the outreach team with information of community needs, and donating. Monetary donations are always helpful, but donations to the thrift store or Corner Closet are also needed. Visit the HHS website for more information.

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 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