

DECEMBER 10, 2025



The meeting began with...

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:

- SK Nanda - "Our Troops!"
- Troy Gutknecht - Former BRC member Rich Oswald lost his mother last week
- Fred Anderson - The people of Ukraine

Guests:

- Veena Wulfekuhle - Visiting after a long hiatus
- Michael Blomme- Visiting with Veena

Help with Christmas Basket Delivery is Needed!

Put on your Santa hat and bring joy to a family this Christmas season. BRC sponsors 17 families. We need your help to buy presents for the children in the family and delivery the gifts and food baskets on December 20th. See Page 2 for more details. Contact Jake E. to participate.



COMING UP...

December 17, 2025



Rotary Exchange Student
Miri Brueggerman

**But wait, there's
more.....**



Students from Bettendorf High School will entertain with some holiday music.

Announcements

• **Blanket Drive '25 Update**

Things are going well with the Blanket Drive. The weekly blanket count is 1750 collected and 1330 distributed. Joe Campion said, "Keep 'em coming!"

In the second installment of **Joe's Weekly Wood Project**, Joe Campion made small wooden snowmen out of the bottom of the trunk of a Christmas tree. The snowmen can be a keepsake from Christmas and given as gifts to family as a reminder of Christmases past. Joe will make these snowmen for anyone interested, and proceeds will go to the blanket drive. Contact Joe for details. What will Campion the Carver come up with next?



• **Christmas Basket Delivery Sign Up**

Christmas holiday food baskets and gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 20th. This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to get involved by purchasing gifts for the children in one of the 17 families. Receipts can be submitted to Carol for reimbursement of \$50 per child. To sign up for this great opportunity, contact Jake Eikenberry.

• **Membership Committee Request**

The Recruitment and Retention Teams of the Membership Committee are looking for volunteer opportunities at area organizations for 20 to 30 people. If anyone has any suggestions, contact Chad Nichols.

• **Lobsterfest 2026 Meeting**

Planning for next year's Lobsterfest will begin with a meeting on Monday, December 15th at 5 p.m. at Oscar's, 5027 Competition Drive, Bettendorf. Anyone interested in chairing, co-chairing, or volunteering for a committee should plan to attend. Lobsterfest is only 6 months away! Mark your calendars for Friday, June 12, 2026.

• **BRC Christmas Party**

Join your fellow Rotarians on Thursday, December 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Swirl Wine Bar for a little food, a few drinks, and lots of friendly faces. Spouses are also welcome, so grab your better half and head to 4832 Forest Grove in Bettendorf.

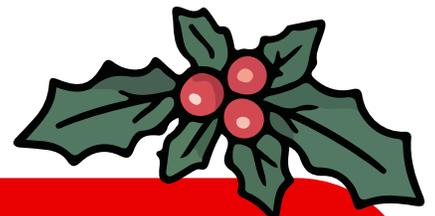


Happy Bucks

- **Ray Brauer** | The 3rd Annual Pintwood Derby (that's not a typo) will be held on February 19th at the Camden Centre in Milan. Race Captains solicit pledges prior to the event, where they build a car and compete for prizes, all with the goal of raising money for scouting. Contact Ray at 507-514-3922 for more information.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker heaped praise on the crews who did a fabulous job cleaning up the streets after last weekend's snow.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Clearly a Packer fan, Penny was thrilled with the outcome of the Bears v. Packers game on Sunday.
- **Tim Lane and Troy Gutknecht** | Obviously, Tim and Troy were happy that they texted each other last night to coordinate their outfits.



HAPPY



In case you missed it the 1st two times, help is needed to purchase gifts and deliver Christmas food baskets for 17 families. Contact Jake E. if you are able to help with this important BRC project.

This Week's Program

Epilepsy Advocacy Network

The mission of the Epilepsy Awareness Network is to “optimize the lives of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders by promoting community education and awareness, self-advocacy and empowerment, and access to proper care.” They accomplish this mission through: First aid training and community education, support groups, consultation and service coordination, epilepsy management programs, awareness and advocacy events, and youth programs.

Because many people are unfamiliar with seizures or what to do if someone experiences one, the TRUST method is suggested. TRUST stands for: Time the seizure, Remove objects/glasses, Use something soft under the head, Stay calm and remain with the person, and Turn the person on their side.

For more information about the Epilepsy Awareness Network, [visit their website.](#)



Kim Gregg
Services Coordinator



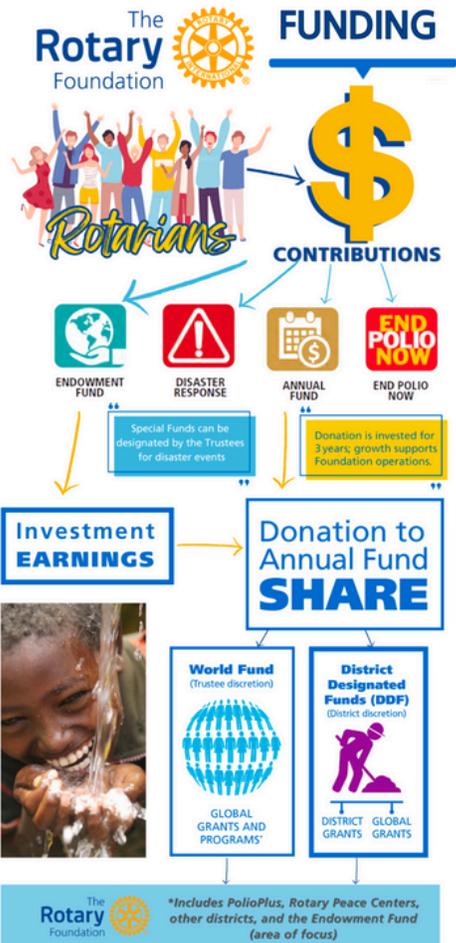
Annual Fund is the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international Rotary Foundation activities. Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) is an initiative designed to encourage support for the Annual Fund. EREY asks every Rotary member to:

- Contribute to the Annual Fund every year
- Participate in a Foundation grant or program every year

Through Annual Fund, contributions are transformed into grants that change lives. Contributions to Annual Fund are divided as follows:

- 47.5% is credited to the World Fund.
- 47.5% is credited to the District Designated Fund.
- 5% is credited to operating expenses.

The World Fund portion pays for the worldwide grant and programs available to all Rotary districts. Districts use the District Designated Fund (DDF) to pay for the Foundation grants and programs they choose.



Happy DECEMBER Birthday

3rd

Marsha Luedtke

18th

Maria Osterberg

28th

Larry Thein
Josh Whitson
Paul Boffeli
Tim Bonney

12th

Dean Kraus

23rd

Dave Sheffield
Jeff Hassel

13th

Brad Boeye

26th

Jake Eikenberry

15th

Gary Mohr

27th

Robert H. Gallagher
Greg Blaske

17th

Tom Mielnik

29th

Will Doland



Happy BRC Anniversary

13 Years

Robert S. Gallagher

4 Years

Michael Manternach

11 Years

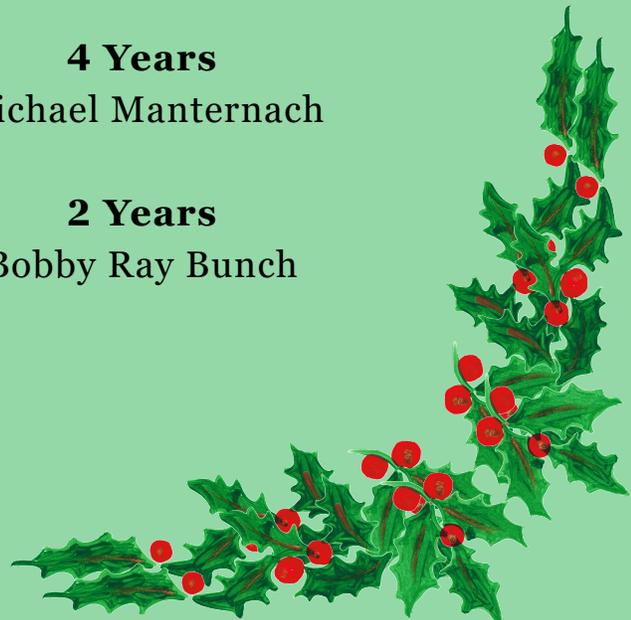
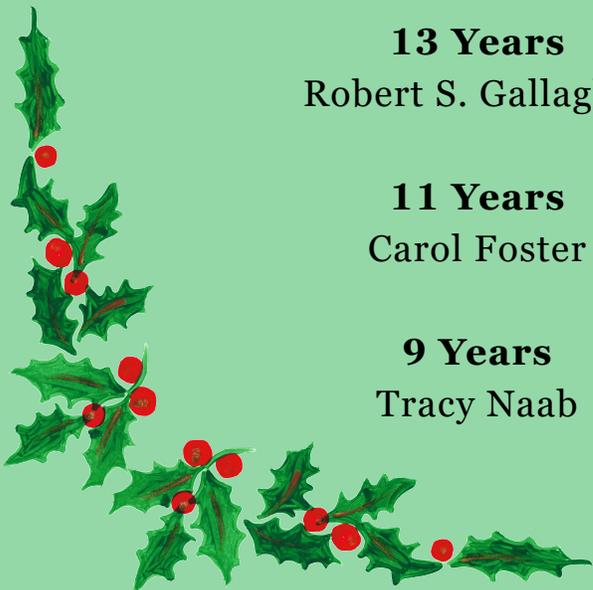
Carol Foster

2 Years

Bobby Ray Bunch

9 Years

Tracy Naab





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LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS...

Monday

12:00pm | Davenport | Outing Club
12:00pm | Moline | Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday

12:00pm | Rock Island | QC Botanical Center

Wednesday

12:00pm | Bettendorf | Tanglewood Hills Pavilion
5:00pm | Davenport | Mini-Meet | Lunardi's

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