

# NEWSLETTER

## Rotary

### Club of Bettendorf



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NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 6, 2024

#### MEETING LOCATION

**Wednesday @ 12pm**

Tanglewood Hills Pavilion  
4250 Middle Road  
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# Announcements

- **Make sure to check out the BRC Apparel Store!**

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Mary McCumber Schmidt: prayers as she is battling cancer that has come back.

Stepping down from the board and letting go of club services responsibilities.

**Holiday Party: Location has moved to OSCARS by TBK. Same time Wed 12/18 5-7 (and there will be no meeting that day.)**

## 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

- **12/11 - Bettendorf High Choir**
- **12/18 - Club Holiday Party**
- **12/21 - Holiday baskets**
- **NO MEETINGS 12/25 or 12/31**

# Happy Bucks

Tim Lane: became a grandpa again

Decker: 49th anniversary with Jane and Raised \$40K at Celebrity Luncheon

Gwen Thombergs: Has a powerlift chair for sale for \$250. The money will be donated to charity (Senior services)

Joe Champion: Penn State in the top 10 for football

Penny McGimpsey: 35th wedding Anniversary to Bill (not me)

Ann Kaepler: Great trip to Jackson Hole, WY with husband for Thanksgiving to see kids as well.

Sandy: Excited that Iowa State is doing well in Football

## **MEMBERS:**

- **Current Members: 122**
- **Membership Goal: 135**



# 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](http://RotaryBlanketDrive.org)



So far to Date,  
1,350 blankets  
have been  
donated, but over  
700 have already  
been distributed.

## 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

# ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF

# Holiday Basket Sign Ups

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



[marciaerickson@actioncoach.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Decker P introduced our guest, KIM KIDWELL who is the Executive of Culture and Recreation for the City of Bettendorf. Kim talked about the new water park updates in Bettendorf at Middle Road and 23rd Street.

Partnership with YMCA YMCA runs the Waterpark (accepts all profits and losses for 20 years)

City of Bettendorf runs the Ince skating Rink – To open 12/15 with a Ribbon cutting on 12/16

Admission only \$5.00 and skates \$3.00

Pool planned to open for Memorial Day weekend May 2025

11K sf ice rink but no hockey. Rink will be multi purposed in summer for programming of some sort TBD

Warming House, concessions, 3 slides (2 body and one innertube with lazy river



# LOOKING FORWARD

## PROGRAM IDEAS??

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUTURE PROGRAM,  
CONTACT PROGRAM CHAIRMAN SCOTT NAUMANN,  
563-505-7953;  
[SCOTTNAUMANN@MSN.COM](mailto:SCOTTNAUMANN@MSN.COM)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

12/11 - Bettendorf Highschool  
Choir  
12/18 - Christmas Party @  
OSCAR's

## YOUR CURRENT BRC BOARD

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

EDITOR'S  
NOTE

Any questions, please email :  
[bettendorfrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfrotary@gmail.com)

# ROTARY CLUB OF BETTENDORF

# Birthday & Anniversary Report



Member Birthdays	
Name	Date
Kraus, Dean	12-Dec
Boeye, Bradley	13-Dec
Mohr, Gary	15-Dec
Mielnik, Thomas	17-Dec
Osterberg, Maria	18-Dec
Hassel, Jeff	23-Dec
Gallagher, Robert H.	27-Dec
Blaske, Gregory (Greg)	27-Dec
Thein, Larry	28-Dec
Doland, Will	29-Dec

Join Date		
Name	Years	Date
Gallagher, Robert S.	12 years	Dec. 09 2012
Foster, Carol	10 years	Dec. 03 2014
Naab, Tracy	8 years	Dec. 14 2016
Powell, Jolene	3 years	Dec. 01 2021
Manternach, Michael	3 years	Dec. 01 2021
Roberts, Steve	3 years	Dec. 01 2021
Roman, Rob	3 years	Dec. 05 2021
Bunch, BRB	1 year	Dec. 20 2023

Anniversary			
Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Pacha, Joe	Pacha, Joseph	52 years	Dec. 23 1972
Mohr, Gary	Jane	50 years	Dec. 14 1974
Kruse, Monica	Kruse, Mic	30 years	Dec. 06 1994



## Rotary Foundation Minute as of 11/25

Welcome to the Last Week of RI's Foundation Month.

FM sends a hearty congratulations to India for her generous contribution of over \$32 million (USD) in TRF giving last year. This week's report is an appeal to Rotarians by Anirudha Roychowdhury, RI Director, 2023–25 for a more vigorous effort at contributing to the Foundation. The message is culled from the current issue of Rotary News.

“Our Rotary journey is built on service and a shared commitment to making the world a better place. At the core of these efforts is The Rotary Foundation, a powerful force that turns our aspirations into impactful action. Through its programs, the Foundation addresses global challenges — fostering peace, fighting disease, ensuring access to clean water and supporting education, among others. Yet, only 30 per cent of Rotarians currently contribute to this remarkable cause. This is a call to action: supporting TRF is not just a responsibility, it's an opportunity to create lasting change. Every contribution, no matter how small, fuels projects that touch lives locally and globally. The Foundation has set an ambitious target of \$500 million for this year, and with your support, we can achieve it. Your donations directly impact lives. Fifty per cent of contributions go to the World Fund, supporting international projects, while the other half is invested in local initiatives through district/global grants. This ensures that your contributions benefit both local and global communities. Finally, we have a pledge to fulfil this year: we must ensure that our Endowment Fund reaches \$2.025 billion by June 2025. Currently, we are \$270 million short of this target. It is crucial that we encourage Rotarians to contribute to the Endowment Fund, helping to secure their legacy while supporting the long-term impact of Rotary's mission.”

Source: <https://rotarynewsonline.org/a-call-to-support-the-rotary-foundation/>

### FOUNDATION MINUTE: DECEMBER 2, 2024

Welcome to Week ONE of RI's Month of Disease Prevention & Treatment. Happy Thanksgiving to all Rotarians who observe this holiday. Hope this year's reunion has been pleasant? The first Tuesday after the U.S Thanksgiving Day is observed world-wide as The Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. In the Rotary world, The Rotary Foundation received more than US\$1.3 million on and around Giving Tuesday, with more than 2,600 donations made from 82 countries in less than 48 hours. More than 1,580 clubs had at least one member who gave, and the average total donated per club was US\$567. The ideals of Giving Tuesday tallies nicely with TRF's mission of doing good by advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. Giving Tuesday's concept of Radical Generosity explains how the suffering of others should be intolerable to us as our own suffering, and that, "whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give." Still wondering why TRF needs more charitable givers? Could it be because of any, and all, of the following reasons proudly listed by TRF:

We fight disease around the world

We teach people to read

We build peace

We provide clean water, sanitation

We grow local economies

We save mothers and children

Source: <https://www.givingtuesday.org>

So, on December 3, go out and make this year's Giving Tuesday in Rotary another record-making event.

## Polio Update as of 11/21

### Terry's Polio Eradication Update For the week of 11/21/24

Dear Polio Eradication Warriors,

One new Wild Polio paralysis case reported this week. We are now 3 weeks since the most recent report of a child being paralyzed by the Wild Polio Virus in Pakistan.

In Poland, a cVDPV2 was isolated from an environmental sample, collected from Warsaw on 22 October. There is no evidence of local circulation. Initial analysis suggests it is linked to the cVDPV2 emergence originating in Zamfara, northern Nigeria, which has this year been detected internationally, including recently also in Barcelona, Spain. Poland has high vaccination coverage, estimated at above 90% with three doses of IPV, both national and in the affected subnational area.

Pakistan One new Wild Polio case reported this week. Forty-nine Wild Polio cases reported in 2024. Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 10/25/24. One WPV1 Environmental Sample and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Pakistan.

Afghanistan No new Wild Polio cases reported this week. Twenty-three Wild Polio cases reported in 2024. Six Wild Polio Cases reported in 2023. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis on 09/14/24. Six WPV1 Environmental Samples and no cVDPV2 Positive Environmental Samples were reported this week in Afghanistan.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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!