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Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

**FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

## *ICYMI (in case you missed it)...*

### Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby called the meeting to order, admitting he forgot his notes and prepared everyone that agenda items may be out of order.
- President Mike shared a joke that was somewhat lengthier than usual, but it did garner a few chuckles from some of the more generous members.

### 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!”
- Fred Anderson - “It is a difficult time for the people of Ukraine, and pray that all elected officials use the first line of the Four-Way Test.”

### Birthdays:

- Mike read the list of everyone celebrating their birthday in February.
- The “Happy Birthday Song” was directed to all February birthday Rotarians.

## *COMING UP...*

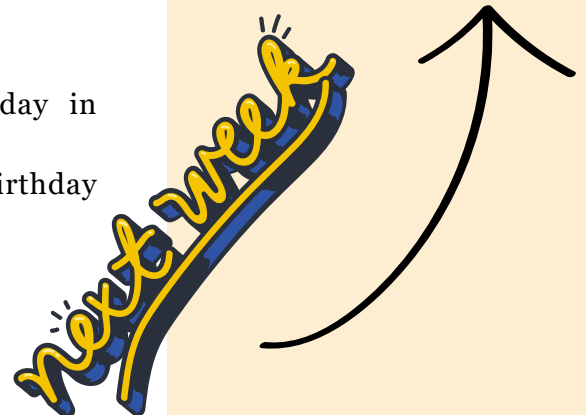


**2025 Bettendorf State of the City Address  
by Mayor Bob Gallagher**

**Wednesday, Feb. 26th**

**Doors open at 11 a.m.  
Opening remarks and  
lunch at 11:30 a.m.  
State of the City Address at  
12:15 p.m.**

**Waterfront Convention  
Center**





### *Special Announcement:*

- To honor the memory of the late District Governor, Judge Paul E. Hellwege, clubs are invited to nominate a member of their club for the annual “Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity” award.
- Award recipients are chosen on the basis of their generosity, consideration, bravery, selflessness, and determination.
- This year’s BRC “Guardian of Integrity” award recipient was announced at this week’s meeting, but shhhh, it’s still kind of a secret.
- Attend the Mayor’s State of the City address next week for the formal announcement.

### Announcements:

- Joe Champion | To date, over 2000 blankets have been distributed. There are 348 still available. During Joe’s absence, John Rabine and Steve Sorenson stepped up to help. Five churches served as drop off sites and were able to provide nearly 300 blankets for the drive. Next year, there will be an effort to include more churches.
- President Mike Ingleby | Please complete the recently distributed survey as soon as possible. *(Anyone who has not received the survey should contact Shelly!)*

### Happy Bucks:

- Decker Ploehn | Joe Pacha, Tim Downing, Dave Faulk, and Decker teamed up to win the prestigious Putt-a-Round Rotary challenge with a impressive score of 89. No other Rotary teams came close to their score, mostly because there were no other Rotary teams. Nonetheless, the BRC team will proudly accept their trophy at a future meeting.
- Decker Ploehn (again) | Doug Scott has been chosen as the new Bettendorf Police Chief. Doug was chosen from a field of four internal candidates. Decker will bring Doug to a meeting in the future.
- Tracy Rommel | Camp Shalom has embarked on a capital campaign to build a new camp facility. Flyers on the tables outline the scope of the project. All are encouraged to contribute.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny recently returned from a trip to Napa, which was the result of conversations and relationships built during Lobsterfest.
- Penny McGimpsey (again)| A fun night was had at the hockey game, with about 5400 fans attending. Penny was unsure who won, which is a testament to how much fun she had.
- Tim Lane | Tim encouraged Mike to throw his meeting notes away every week.
- Tom Howard | Tom and his bride celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 6th.



Cindy Diehl Yang and  
President Mike Ingleby

## PROGRAM SPEAKER

Cindy Diehl Yang, President and CEO  
Putnam Museum & Science Center

### *The Mission*

*The Putnam brings to life a sense of place, time and purpose to ignite human potential and inspire our diverse community to learn about and care for our world and all its people.*

The Putnam has been around since 1867, and it started with members of the community who wanted to share their experiences, travel, and knowledge with others in their community. A treasure trove of artifacts are at the ready to preserve, educate, and connect people to the wonders of science, history, and culture. Only 3% to 4% of the available materials are on display at any one time.

The Putnam brings history to life, connecting people with their past to better understand the present and the future. Visitors can experience this through “Common Ground”, the “Innovation Gallery”, and “Black Earth, Big River”. The Putnam is also exploring the future of learning by engaging people with virtual reality and improved technology. Helping people understand why museums matter now more than ever is a goal.

Currently on display, “Mystery of the Mayan Medallion” is an immersive exhibit open until June, 2025. In conjunction with the exhibit, the “Raiders of the Lost Arc” movies will be shown on the big screen.

Thursdays at the Putnam often have more adult-themed activities, including the “History on Tap” lecture series. These nights include a local engaging speaker that can be enjoyed along with adult beverages that are available.

The “Putnam Reimagined” project will launch May 10, 2025 with newly updated spaces in many areas. Admission is free, so everyone should plan to attend. Among the many updated areas are “The Vault”, South Lawn Pollinators, the Science Center, the Family Engagement Center, the Gateway, and the Orientation Space.

Putnam memberships are available for \$100/year for up to 6 family members. The membership also includes reciprocal agreements with many other facilities, like Chicago’s Field Museum and Science and Industry Museum.



**IMPORTANT!**

Take heed of these important meetings and dates coming up quickly.

**Grant Management Learning Seminar** -

If our club plans to apply for a DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT or a GLOBAL GRANT for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, at least 1 member of the club must attend a GRANT MANAGEMENT LEARNING SEMINAR (GMLS) each year. Hybrid options for both dates are available. Register at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org) for one of these learning events. Contact Gretchen Nollman or Todd Wheeler at [d6000csg@gmail.com](mailto:d6000csg@gmail.com) with questions.

When: February 22nd, 9 a.m.

Where: West Liberty Community Center  
1204 N. Calhoun Street  
West Liberty, IA

OR

When: March 29th, 9 a.m.

Where: Shive-Hattery, Inc.  
4125 Westown Parkway  
West Des Moines, IA

**Rotary Leadership Inst.**

Dates: April 5th and 6th

Where: West Des Moines, IA

Contact Steve Wienke for any questions [swieneked6k@gmail.com](mailto:swieneked6k@gmail.com).

**D6000 Conference**

Date: April 12th

Where: FFA Enrichment Center  
Ankeny, IA

Contact District Admin Carolyn for any questions at [dis6000admin@lisco.com](mailto:dis6000admin@lisco.com).

(Information provided by Gretchen Nollman  
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**Happy  
BIRTHDAY  
FEBRUARY**

**5th**

Shelly Naumann

**10th**

Gwen Tombergs

**13th**

Shawn Langan

**16th**

Tim Downing

**17th**

Bobby Ray Bunch

**21st**

Jolene Powell

**23rd**

S.K. Nanda

**25th**

Craig Windmiller





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## ***FOUNDATION FACTS***

### **February is “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month”**

Q. When was the very first Rotary meeting held?

A. In February 1905 in Chicago.

February is an important month for Rotary. Not only it is the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting, it is also “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month”.

Rotary is dedicated to fostering environments where peace can thrive. As a humanitarian service organization, peacebuilding is at the heart of the Rotary Foundation, which guides efforts to create lasting change in communities across the globe.

In the 2023-2024 Rotary year, District 6000 received \$50,000 from Rotarians who donated to the Rotary Foundation. Half of these gifts return to the district for Community Service Grants. The remainder goes to Foundation initiatives like “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution”, among many others.

***Let’s continue working together to build peace and strengthen communities.***

Contact SK for more information about the Foundation’s projects or to find ways you can support its important work.

## ***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 | Steeplegate Inn





## Club of Bettendorf

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**Bettendorf Rotary Gear:**  
Click on the link below to check out  
the custom-made BRC apparel.  
[BRC gear here.](#)

If you know someone in the club who is not receiving the newsletter, tell them to contact Shelly Naumann at [bettendorfrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfrotary@gmail.com), so they can get the latest scoop.