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FEBRUARY 5, 2025

GRANTS DISTRIBUTION DAY!

The usual weekly meeting business was mostly set aside to allow for time to do what we do best--provide support to worthy community organizations, to the tune of \$80,000.

Joe Pacha, Grants Committee Chair, thanked everyone who made this grant day possible, including Lobsterfest sponsors, attendees, club members and volunteers. "Without everyone's generosity and participation," Joe acknowledged, "this day of celebration would not be possible."

Title sponsors Tasha Keegan from TBK Bank and Bill Daley from Abbey Carpet Gallery shared thoughts about why their businesses have supported Lobsterfest.

After explaining the granting process, the following organizations received their grant checks:

- **One Eighty** - \$2500 for "Meeting Basic Food Needs for People Overcoming Addiction, Homelessness, and Crisis".
- **All Saints Lutheran Church** - \$5,000 to provide help with their food pantry and clothing closet.
- **Asbury United Methodist Church** - \$2,000 to help with the construction of a building to house their Garden Ministry equipment.
- **Bettendorf Public Library Foundation** - \$2,300 to help redesign the library's 10-year-old outdated website.
- **Children's Therapy Center** - \$5,000 to help create a multidisciplinary sensory room in their primary clinic.
- **Christian Care** - \$5,000 to provide individuals and families with vital supplies and access to shelter and housing opportunities.
- **Every Child** - \$1,700 to provide birth kits for new parents.

COMING UP...



Saturday, February 8th
QC Rotary Night at QC Storm Game



Wednesday, February 12th Meeting
*Andy Sokolovich
Grow Clinton*

Wednesday, February 26th Meeting
*State of the City Address by
Mayor Gallagher
Waterfront Convention Center*

BRC Grants Committee

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- **Hope at the BRICK House** – \$3,000 for acoustic needs for new classrooms.
- **Humility Homes and Services, Inc.** – \$5,000 to provide essential items like underwear, hygiene products, and funds for ID/driver's license replacements.
- **Livewell Cares** - \$5,000 to provide free placement services, advocacy, information, & resource referrals to low-income seniors and those seeking long-term care.
- **Lutheran Social Services** - \$5,000 to recruit foster parents and provide basic needs assistance to children in foster care.
- **Project Renewal** - \$5,000 for their Summer Youth Program that provides educational, recreational, and social activities to youth from low-income families.
- **Quilts of Valor Quad Cities** - \$1,000 to provide materials for quilts given to deserving veterans in the Quad Cities area.
- **Safer Foundation** – \$2,500 for Youth Empowerment Program which helps justice-impacted youth learn life skills, obtain a high school equivalency diploma and prepare for the workplace.
- **YWCA Quad Cities** - \$5,000 to properly store “out of season clothing items” in their clothes closet and to provide clean undergarments.
- **River Bend Food Bank** - \$5000 for their Grant Wood School food pantry project.
- **Dress 4 Success** - \$5000 for an expansion project that will enable more job searching and career development services as well as professional attire for QC women.
- **Empower House** - \$5000 for their work with people who experience brain injuries to increase their independence using their kitchen.
- **Empowering Abilities** - \$5000 for a project titled “Screening for Outdoors Success”.
- **Family Resources, Inc.** - \$5000 for the project, “Essential Supports for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault”.



**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



FOUNDATION FACTS

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers. All around the world, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) contributes to peaceful resolutions of conflicts through its funding of The Rotary Peace Fellowship.

“Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace.

The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies; and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.”

Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
Mt. Pleasant Evening Rotary
Editor, Foundation Minute

For more information visit:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

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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 | Steeplegate Inn





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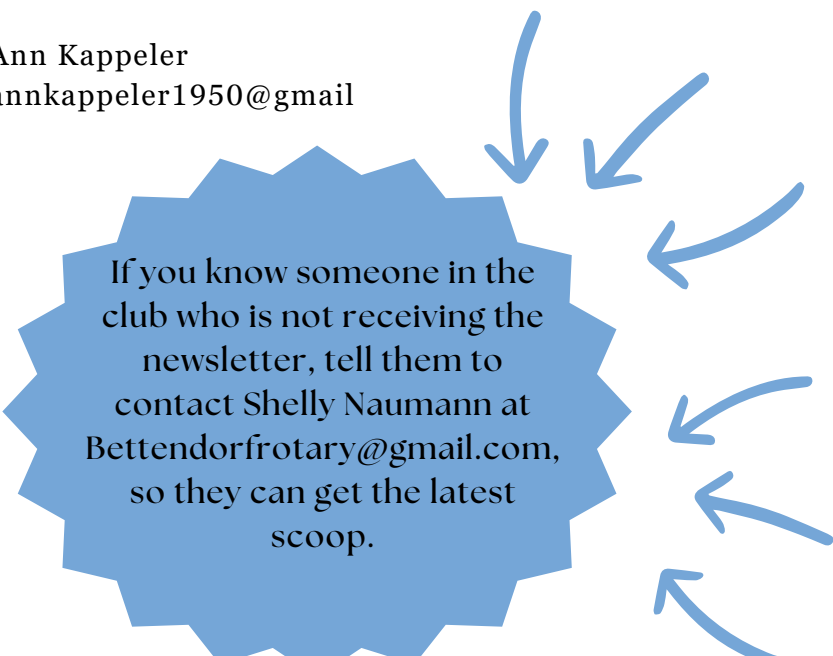


Bettendorf Rotary Gear:

Click on the link below to check out the custom-made BRC apparel.

[BRC gear here.](#)

Snag some for your Valentine Sweetie.



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