



TOGETHER, WE

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MARCH 12, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby called the meeting to order with a nice sized group in attendance.

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 - Peace in Ukraine
- Gabe Wells - For the well-being of farmers who grow crops for the USAID efforts. With USAID programs reduced, those crops will not be needed, and the farms that supply those crops are in jeopardy.
- Craig Windmiller - Thoughts and prayers to the family of a neighbor who recently passed.

Guests:

- Ryan Thompson, guest of Mike Ingleby and Brock Biggerstaff who was not in attendance
- Pat Eikenberry, guest of Jake Eikenberry
- Colleen Brown, guest of Scott Naumann

COMING UP...

Wednesday, March 19th

Get to Know More

If you’re one of the few members who will NOT be at the gulf shores next week, come to the meeting to learn more about your fellow Bettendorf Rotarians. Should be fun!

**Saturday, May 31st
Habitat for Humanity
volunteer work day**

Details will be provided later.





Announcements:

- Linda Wood | In 2 weeks, Jersey Mike's will be served for lunch. Jersey Mike's matches sales revenue, with proceeds going to JA. When visiting a Jersey Mike's and making a donation during March, customers receive a BOGO coupon.
- Joe Campion | Rotarians will have an opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity home during a work day on May 31st. More details will be available as the date approaches.
- Ann Kappeler | On the table, there is a survey that will help determine where the "Fund-A-Cause" funds will be directed for this year's Lobsterfest. Members should rank their top 3 choices and/or write in organizations or areas of emphasis that do not appear on the sheet. Surveys will be available at next week's meeting as well.
- Harry Coin (aka Henry, according to President Mike) | McLaughlin Subaru is teaming up with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and providing a car for a raffle. Visit the QCSO.org website for more information.
- Mike Ingleby | April 12th is the District 6000 Conference in Ankeny, when Mary Macumber Schmidt will receive her Guardian of Integrity award. All BRC members are encouraged to attend in support of Mary. Anyone interested should notify Club Secretary Shelly Naumann.

Happy Bucks:



- Penny McGimpsey | Penny is happy to be back from PETS training in preparation for her presidential year. She is also happy that Ryan Calvert is the speaker today.
- Joe Campion | Joe attended the Heart Ball to help raise funds for the American Heart Association and commended Shelly on a great event.
- Ann Kappeler | Ann is happy to be back from her time in Florida and noted the only change since she left was Mike's joke, which was actually funny.
- Bill Daley | Bill's family will be coming to live with him, so he is happy about that, as well as new grandkids arriving soon.
- Sharon Sarver | Sharon recently returned from travels in her husband's retirement van. They utilized the "harvest host" system to park the vehicle and had some fun experiences, including a stop at Gulf Shores to visit with Penny.
- Beth Clark | Beth is happy to be back and on the path to recovery after some health issues.
- Scott Naumann | Scott appreciated some familiar faces from the club in his "Kentucky Fried Murder" show last week.
- Lee Marbach | Lee was impressed by a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade performance in which his daughter appeared.



Happy Bucks continued

- Mary Macumber Schmidt | Mary expressed her appreciation for the Guardian of Integrity award and reported that she is doing well with her treatments. She and her husband will enjoy a much-needed vacation next week to (where else?) the Gulf Shores.
- PT Boeye | PT acknowledged the Lobsterfest silent auction committee, and asked members to contact himself, Jen DeBuhr, Jessica VanDyke, Carol Foster, or Tracy Rommel with donations or ideas for donations. An easy-to-use auction donation form is available by using the QC code on the left.
- Pat Thornton | Pat is very happy that Sandy Yoder will soon return and take over the music accompaniment duties.

[Program Recap](#)

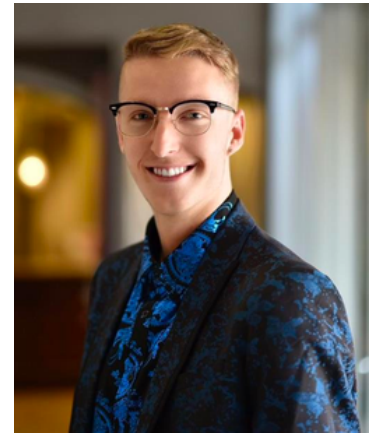


Dick's House of Sport is not just a store, it's a destination that is intended to be an immersive experience, encourages athletes of all ages and abilities to achieve their dreams. The first House of Sport was established in 2021, with 21 stores now operating, and 100 locations planned by 2027.

Offering things like the climbing wall, golf simulator, soccer cage, and events set the House of Sport apart from other sporting goods stores. The Davenport location is available for hosting birthday parties or serving as a race packet pickup spot. Events like the haunted house of sport and a pilates class have been popular and similar events are always happening.

Dick's House of Sport is dedicated to serving the community through Sports Matter, the Dick's Sports foundation. Grants are available to help kids have what they need to participate in sports. Last year, \$25,000 was distributed in the Quad Cities. The Boys and Girls Club received an impactful grant of \$10,000.

Dick's House of Sport is always seeking community partnerships to further their cause and that of other organizations. For information about partnerships or other House of Sport events, contact Ryan.



Ryan Calvert
Marketing Specialist

Youth Exchange Student Update

Hanna Jensen, Rotary Youth Exchange student sponsored by BRC has completed 6 months in Italy and is currently in Turin. She reports that she has moved in with her second host family and is enjoying this move.

Hanna continues to explore Italy and has grown more confident in school and outside activities. She states that when she first arrived she could not comprehend that eventually she would reach the end of the year, because it seemed so far away.

Hanna has learned to take things day by day, because every day is a gift. She recommends that everyone should take time to enjoy each day, because they are all valuable. She will be coming back to the United States soon, and she is excited to share her experiences with the Club.



Discover the Magic of Rotary D6000 Conference

Date: April 12th

Where: FFA Enrichment Center
Ankeny, IA

Just a few reasons to attend this year's district conference:

- Inspiring speakers
- Learn about engaging clubs: Hear firsthand from clubs across District 6000 who will share their most successful service projects, fundraisers, and member engagement strategies.
- Mason's Light House: Hear about a new initiative to build a hospice home dedicated to serving Iowa's sickest kids.
- Member Recognition: Honor those receiving Rotary International recognition and District 6000 awards, including this year's Guardians of Integrity recipients.
- Specialty Basket Auction: Bid on unique baskets created and donated by clubs across the district.

Contact Club Secretary Shelly Naumann to register.





March

4th

Tracy Naab

14th

Renalda Samolitis

17th

Marcia Erickson

20th

Craig Wagner

22nd

Rochelle Dougall

25th

Kristin Skaggs

31st

Ron Crist

Dave Falk

Kevin Koellner

Don't forget to invite a guest to a meeting during your birthday month to help you celebrate!



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FOUNDATION FACTS

Turkish Rotary member honored for advancing women’s leadership

Rotary International recently recognized Ayda Özeren for her outstanding contributions to women’s leadership, education, and economic empowerment by presenting her with the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award, which honors Rotary members who have made a lasting impact in advancing gender equity and empowering women in their communities. The award was named after the first female Rotary president.

A longtime advocate for women’s economic empowerment, Ayda began teaching financial literacy at a bank. She has visited more than 100 factories and small businesses, educating 8,000 women in rural areas, factories, and schools on finance and economic independence. She has also led earthquake recovery efforts in Turkey, launching mobile health services and economic relief projects for women. She helped women secure jobs in the ready-made clothing industry and supported farmers by providing olive and sumac saplings, an initiative expected to create 2,000 jobs. A strong advocate for girls’ education, she donated all proceeds from her 2021 book to fund 1,000 scholarships for young women.

The award was presented during the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, where 1,000 Rotarians and peace experts from 88 countries convened to discuss solutions for fostering peace and sustainable development.

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:

Visit the BRC website, click on the link at the top of the home page and start shopping!

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

