

MARCH 18, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



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!"
- Fred Anderson - The brave people of Ukraine
- For thoughts we hold in our hearts and world peace

Guest:

- Mark Carlson, Rotary Club of Moline member

ClubRunner Trainings

Session 1: District & Mobile App Refresher

When: March 30, 2026 | 07:00 PM Central Time

Training includes:

- Logging into the District website and updating your personal profile.
- Downloading and logging into the ClubRunner Mobile App.
- Live Q&A.

Join the Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 919 9972 4164, Passcode: 048524

Session 2: Nova Club Version Showcase

When: March 31, 2026 | 07:00 PM Central Time

Explore the next generation of ClubRunner

- The Basics: Universal Login and feature comparisons.
- Live Q&A.

Join the Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 941 7649 8789, Passcode: 305125

COMING UP...

March 25, 2026



Jenny Halupnik
Director of Engagement
One Eighty



Pints for Polio

Next Friday, March 27th, Harrington's Pub will host another event to raise funds for polio eradication, with BRC guest bartenders bringing in tips for the cause. SK Nanda has renewed his challenge for 30 Rotarians and guests to attend, which will result in an additional \$200 from SK.

Lobsterfest '26

Live Auction Chair, Gwen Tombergs, put out a plea for a destination item for the live auction. If anyone has a vacation home or knows someone who does, contact Gwen. There are lots of great items secured already, but a destination trip is needed to add to the list.

Happy Bucks

- **Monica Kruse** | Last week, Monica marked the 10th year anniversary of being cancer-free. She has been completely released. CONGRATULATIONS!
- **Mark Carlson** | Mark's daughter is engaged, so wedding plans are underway.
- **Daryn Smith** | Due to baby duties most Wednesdays, Daryn is often unable to attend, but he was happy to be at the meeting and to announce his daughter has been accepted at Iowa.
- **Penny "O'Greek" McGimpsey** | Penny was happy that her radio station, 107.7 WQUD Vintage Radio, participated in the St. Patrick's Society parade on Saturday. The live band was on a flatbed pulled by none other than her husband.



Scan this QR Code to sign up!



Volunteer for one (or more) of these Quad City area events/projects and *bring a guest with you!*

RIVERBEND Food Bank: Tuesday, April 14 or Thursday, April 16

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS: Plant Sale: Tuesday, May 5

RIVER ACTION: Floatzilla: Saturday, August 15

QUAD CITIES ARTS: Festival of the Trees: Saturday, November 21

This Week's Program

Derek Grant, Bagpipe Musician

Derek Grant immigrated to the United States from Scotland when he was 4 years old, but he didn't take up the bagpipes until after he was married. Starting lessons in 1991, Derek has been playing ever since. His instrument is a Scottish bagpipe, although other countries have their own versions.

Derek is part of a local pipes and drum group that formed in the late 1990's. Their first parade performance was at Bettendorf's 4th of July parade. Derek is honored to perform at a variety of venues, including funerals, parades, the Honor Flights, the John Deere Classic, and various bars on and around St. Patrick's Day.

Anyone interested in booking Derek for an event can contact him at derekgrant916@gmail.com.



Rotary International has long been a leader in WASH (water, sanitation, & hygiene) initiatives. From building wells and latrines to providing hygiene education, Rotary clubs around the globe work tirelessly to address water scarcity and sanitation challenges. Projects often include:

- Installing clean water systems in underserved communities,
- Developing sustainable sanitation solutions,
- Providing hygiene training to promote health and disease prevention, and
- Partnering with local governments and organizations to improve infrastructure.

One of the most impactful initiatives is Rotary's schools program, which focuses on ensuring students have access to clean water and sanitation facilities. This leads to better educational outcomes, as students can attend school without the interruptions caused by waterborne illnesses.



Support The Rotary Foundation and you support a healthier world. Contact our [Foundation Chair, SK Nanda](#) for more information or visit [The Rotary Foundation website](#).

Happy **MARCH** Birthday

4th

Tracy Naab

20th

Craig Wagner

31st

Dave Falk

Kevin Koellner

Ron Crist



17th

Marcia Erickson



27th

Mike Simons

**DON'T EVER ASK
FOR PERMISSION TO
BRING A GUEST.**

Happy BRC Anniversary

15 Years

Bill Daley

4 Years

Derek Cockrell

10 Years

Gwen Tombergs

3 Years

Gabe Wells

7 Years

Carrie Lamb

1 Year

Ryan Thompson



Club of Bettendorf

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LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS...

Monday

12:00pm | Davenport | River Center
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