



TOGETHER, WE

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MARCH 19, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- Filling in for the absent President Mike Ingleby, President Elect Penny McGimpsey called the meeting to order and jumped right into things, letting everyone enjoy a joke-free opening.

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!”
- Gabe Wells - HHS and the CDC have been ordered to remove information and datasets related to AIDS treatment and prevention that was available for doctors, other health providers, as well as patients and advocates. AIDS is still out there and no one wants to see a return of the epidemic seen in the ‘80s and ‘90s, so access to this information is critical. Gabe encouraged contacting federal legislators to reverse the decision to prohibit this information from being accessed.

Guests:

- Emmett Eikenberry, 7-year-old son of Jake Eikenberry

COMING UP...

Wednesday, March 26th



Former District Governor Steve Dakin

Rotary Foundation

Saturday, May 31st

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Work Day





Announcements:

- Ann Kappeler | Last week, a survey was available that will help determine where the “Fund-A-Cause” funds will be directed for this year’s Lobsterfest. Any members who were not in attendance last week may complete a survey this week.
- Joe Champion | Rotarians will have an opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity home during a work day on May 31st. People of all skill levels are welcome to volunteer. More details will be available later, but save the date now.

The QR Code to the left goes to an Auction Donation Form. This form was set up by the Silent Auction Committee to make it super easy for anyone to obtain donations. If you acquire a donation or you have one of your own, just fill out the very simple form, and the committee will take it from there. Contact any member of the Silent Auction Committee with questions: PT Boeye, Jen DeBuhr, Jessica VanDyke, Tracy Rommel, or Carol Foster.



Happy Bucks:

- Dave Sheffield | Dave was intrigued to know why Penny was donning her biker gear. He was also happy to report that his vacation rental property is now ready for business.
- Larry Thein | Larry has been absent recently, but he is happy to be back. Larry has been traveling to watch his son play baseball, and he has been handling more at work due to the departure of his partner, Matt Sturdevant. He would like to find a replacement for Matt.
- Ann Kappeler | Ann would also like to find a replacement for Matt who was a co-chair for Lobsterfest. All are encouraged to apply and no experience is necessary!
- Gwen Tombergs | A Rejuvenate Housing home will be available in June or July. The 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom home is “stunning”. Potential buyers need to meet certain income requirements, but they aren’t as restrictive as one might think. Contact Rejuvenate Housing for more information.
- Daryn Smith | Daryn is the proud papa of a 3-month-old son. He will be unable to attend meetings until this summer as his wife returns to work and he has baby duty on Wednesdays. After the “dirty rain” this morning, Daryn was happy to wash off cars in the parking lot after the meeting.

Program Recap

In anticipation of a small group, the usual speaker program was replaced with an interactive “Getting to Know You” program. At each table, Rotarians had 2 minutes to share their answers to 2 questions.

The first question was *“What has been your favorite place to travel?”* Penny kicked things off by sharing her experiences on the back of a motorcycle (which provided the answer to “Why is Penny dressed as a biker babe today?”) Then, she released the tables to begin their discussions.

The second question was *“What passion and/or special talent do you have?”* A robust discussion ensued. At the close of the conversations and with very little urging required, Steve Sorensen demonstrated his “talent”. Even he put quotes around that word, but those who have experience in hog noises praised Steve’s unusual skill.



Rotarians were treated to Steve Sorensen’s hog calling “talent”, but he spared everyone the entire Gong Show routine he once performed some years ago.

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

March is The Rotary Foundation’s Month of Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

The Rotary Foundation’s goals for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene align with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal to ***ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030.***

The Rotary Foundation supports this goal by:

- Improving universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water.
- Improving water quality by protecting and maintaining surface water and groundwater resources, and promoting the reuse of wastewater.
- Improving universal and equitable access to safely managed sanitation and waste management services.
- Improving community hygiene knowledge, behaviors, and practices.
- Strengthening the capacity of governments, institutions, and communities to develop, finance, manage, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation services.
- Funding graduate scholarships for career-minded professionals related to water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide to support these goals.

Help the rest of the world enjoy the water, sanitation, and hygiene we take for granted. Support the work of The Rotary Foundation.

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.

