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MARCH 26, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Everyone enjoyed Jersey Mike’s sandwiches to celebrate the annual *Day of Giving*. Proceeds from the sale of the sandwiches went to the local Jr. Achievement of the Heartland.

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

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?
- And, Steven Dakin added: Is it FUN?
- A patriotic song was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Offerings for a Moment of Silence:

- SK Nanda - “Our Troops!”
- Dean Kraus - For his father who experienced a stroke recently
- Fred Anderson - For the people of Ukraine
- Mike Ingleby - For a high school friend who is nearing the end of his life



Bettendorf Rotary Gear

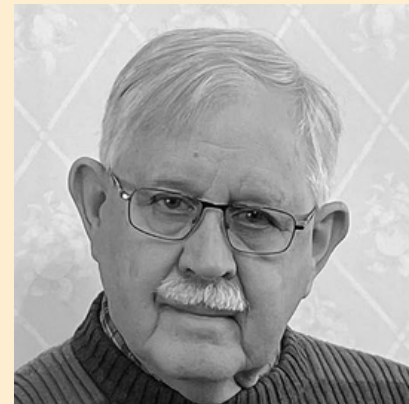
We have our very own Bettendorf Rotary store!

Visit the BRC website, click on the link at the top of the home page or go to: empoweringabilities.org/stores/bettendorf-rotary

Start shopping today!

COMING UP...

Wednesday, April 2nd



Award winning Quad Cities’ author Dan Moore

Saturday, May 31st

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Work Day



Announcements:

- Mike Ingleby | There is a vacancy on the BRC board. Anyone who is interested should contact Mike or another current board member.
- Harry Coin | The Youth Exchange program is in need of a host family for the middle part of next year. If a family is not available, a youth exchange will not be possible next year. Someone suggested that Decker Ploehn step forward, and in his absence, the club agreed that Decker is a good choice.
- Mike Ingleby | Ann Kappeler is still looking for a chair or co-chair for Lobsterfest. Someone suggested that Decker Ploehn would be a good candidate for that role, and in his absence, the club again agreed that Decker is a good choice. *Thank you, Decker, for your commitment to the success of our club!*



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, Ann Kappeler, Jen DeBuhr, Jessica VanDyke, Tracy Rommel, or Carol Foster.

Happy Bucks:

- Mike Simons | Mike is happy that his recent birthday allows him to take advantage of Medicare. Happy birthday, Mike!
- Cris Ryder | Cris is thrilled to be a grandparent for the first time and now she knows what all the fuss is about.
- Steve Dakin | Steve is happy to be a grandparent for the 2nd time.
- Dr. Tom Olson | Tom said Mike “nailed” his joke today. (You had to be there.)
- Tom Howard | Tom is looking forward to hosting his great granddaughter and family prior to her parents’ military transfer to Alaska.
- Jen DeBuhr | After paying off their mortgage and her husband’s doctorate, Jen is now looking forward to having funds available for her kids’ college.
- Maria Osterberg | Maria and her sponsorship committee have been hard at work and have currently secured \$43,750 worth of sponsorships for this year’s Lobsterfest. See Maria if you would like to sponsor or know someone who would.

Program Recap

Steve Dakin--The Rotary Foundation

The Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

There are four primary reasons that The Rotary Foundation deserves support. Those reasons are:

- Accountability
- Impact
- Record of success
- Global reach

The foundation divvies up funds into three “buckets”--Polio Plus, the Annual Fund, and the Endowment. Areas of focus for funding include:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

Projects range from providing solar lighting to a Navajo Nation that had no electricity to supporting the RAG4Clubfoot initiatives. They are located in places as far away as the reefs of the Philippines to parks and hospitals right here in Iowa.

Polio continues to exist in the world, with a surge seen in Gaza during that region’s recent upheaval. Rotary joined other groups to help with immunizations in that area while a brief ceasefire was in effect. Last year, there were 93 cases.



Former District Governor Steve Dakin presents President Mike with a banner honoring BRC for achieving 100% participation in foundation giving.



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!

ROTARIANS OF ACTION AROUND THE GLOBE

As a Rotarian, you are part of an organization of people who make a difference to many all around the world. Here are some amazing examples:

Ecuador--Recognizing that 10% of the world's population is affected by chronic kidney disease, the Quito Luz de America Club in Ecuador conducted free medical screenings to detect chronic kidney disease.

Bermuda--Rotarians partnered with Girl Scouts who were studying preservation and collected over 1000 pieces of plastic, paper, cans, and rope in a beach restoration project.

England--The Rotary Club of Darlington has raised nearly \$160,000 by collecting Christmas trees to be chipped and sold to a biomass processor to generate electricity. The funds raised support a local hospice and other charities.

Netherlands--An annual sale of used books, puzzles, and other items brought in \$75,000 this year to be used for the Venlo-Maas en Peel Rotary Club's charitable purposes. Conducted over 3 days in January, the sale started 36 years ago.

Vietnam--When a teacher explained that many of her students lacked warm clothing, a Rotaract Club did a collection drive and delivered 1000 garments to villages that are home to Indigenous ethnic minority groups.

Read more about these projects in this month's *Rotary Magazine*.

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.





FOUNDATION FACTS

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

According to the United Nations, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, and 3.6 billion lack safely managed sanitation.

District and global grants, made possible by the Foundation, provide a direct way for members to engage in water and sanitation projects. Clubs have been involved in projects big and small, such as sanitizing cisterns and tanks for about 300 schools in Mexico, providing rainwater collection systems for 50 Indigenous families in the Sierra Madre Mountains, and helping a group of young women understand how to take care of their menstrual cycles in a clean and sanitary way.

Globally, Rotary employs comprehensive approaches to water, sanitation, and hygiene improvement. A partnership with USAID in Uganda has shown how small-scale piped water systems can deliver cost-effective, sustainable solutions. In India’s water-scarce regions, Rotary promotes solutions such as rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, integrating water management with agricultural productivity to enhance sustainability and resilience.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you play a role in ensuring Rotary can make clean water, effective sanitation, and hygiene accessible for generations. Visit The Rotary Foundation website for more information or to make a donation to these important projects.

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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:

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 Bettendorfrotary@gmail.com, so they can get the latest scoop.