

**MARCH 4, 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 people of Ukraine
- Pat Thornton - For peace around the world

#### **Guest:**

- Tiffany Lensch, guest of Marcia Erickson and former North Scott Rotarian

### **COMING UP...**

**March 11, 2026**

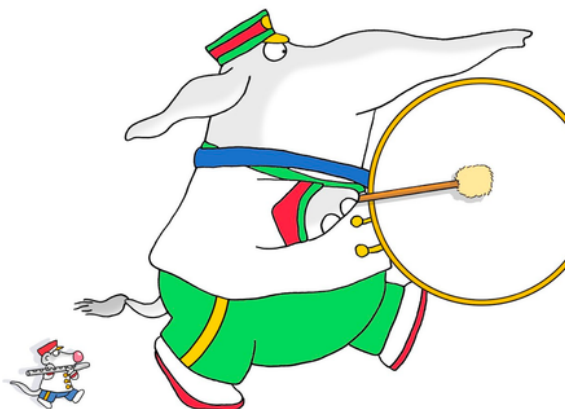


Pat Olson  
North Scott Rotarian  
and  
Assistant District  
Governor

Presentation Topic:

**IRONMAN**

## **MARCH FORTH!**



Bynton

## Announcements

### • **Blanket Drive Wrap Up**

Nine churches participated in the second phase of the blanket drive, which yielded 350 more blankets and about \$400. There are about 300 blankets remaining, which can still be delivered to those in need. As Joe Champion said, “That about covers it.”

### • **2nd Pints for Polio Event**

On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### • **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day**

Jake Eikenberry is arranging a volunteer work day with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Both morning and afternoon shifts will be available. More information will be coming soon.



## Happy Bucks

- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny was happy that so many club members attended the Mayor’s State of the City address. In attendance were 61 BRC members
- **Ray Brauer** | Ray urged everyone to join the fun at the Scouts’ golf outing on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at Palmer Hills. [Contact Ray for more information.](#)
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker was happy the Mayor was able to complete his address despite not feeling well. He also recognized that Mayor Bob displayed his sense of sharing, which resulted in Decker getting a &\*%\$# cold.
- **Frank Mitvalsky** | After announcing for the college swimming and diving meet in Iowa City, Frank was happy to hear the organization would like him to continue in that role even though the location may move to another state.
- **Mary McCumber Schmidt** | Mary wished one of her sons and her husband happy birthdays, and she was happy to announce the graduation of her youngest son. All job opportunities for a Criminal Justice/Political Science major should be directed to Mary.



## Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has planned 4 volunteer opportunities to provide a way to introduce people to what Rotary does. Rotarians are encouraged to participate by inviting potential members to one of the volunteer events.

To sign up for these activities, use the QR code here. Questions about the committee's work or volunteer projects can be directed to Beth Clark at [bethcolbyclark@gmail.com](mailto:bethcolbyclark@gmail.com).



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



If you ask a Filipino living in a rural area of the Philippines where they go to the toilet, they will turn their head towards a non-specific direction and say “over there.” This means that they use any location that gives them some sort of privacy to do their needs. Women generally have to go longer distances to avoid prying eyes and avoid assaults.

Local Rotary clubs, as well as clubs around the world helped to build 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters in the Phillipines' province of Samar. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.



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.

## *This Week's Program*

### **Kelly Kreiter Penning, Executive Director New Kingdom Trailriders**

New Kingdom Trailriders' mission is:

*To empower individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential through equine assisted activities.*

Founded in 1984, New Kingdom Trailriders (NKT) is a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding facility that positively impacts the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well being of riders. NKT is accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International, which requires an adherence to a set standards in safety, instructor training, and insurance coverage for riders.

Serving 10 counties, NKT offers therapeutic riding lessons for boys and girls as young as 4 years old and adults as old as 77. Half of the riders struggle with some form of mental illness while 32% are on the Autism spectrum. Horseback riding promotes mental simulation, physical strengthening, emotional development, and social interaction in a fun and active way. In 2025, individuals participated in 3500 lessons.

The majority of riders show significant improvements in their core strength, fine and gross motor skills, coordination, self-confidence, mobility, social skills, and verbalization after participating in riding programs.

Volunteers are always welcome, and fundraising events help with costs. Visit the [NKT website](#) for more information.



# 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