



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT



MARCH 5, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby called the meeting to order and told a joke that actually received applause, which is nothing short of a miracle.

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 - Gabe shared several heartbreaking situations that have recently happened in the wake of recent legislation and policies regarding LGBTQ individuals, and he echoed Fred’s hope from a previous moment of silence that all elected officials use the Rotary Four-Way Test to guide their decisions.

Birthdays:

- Mike read the list of everyone celebrating a March birthday.
- The “Happy Birthday Song” was directed to all March birthday Rotarians.

Guests:

- Ryan Thompson, guest of Brock Biggerstaff
- Lex Hinke, guest of Matt DeWild and Molly Hinke DeWild
- Kylie Wise, guest of Decker Ploehn

COMING UP...

Wednesday, March 12th



Ryan Calvert
Local Marketing Specialist
DICK’S House of Sport

DICK’S House of Sport:
Community Involvement,
Events for the Community,
and Ways to Partner



Change your clocks
March 9th!



Decker Ploehn shows off the Rotary challenge plaque from this year's BBBS Putt-a-Round.

Announcements:

- Special Presentation | Kylie Wise from Big Brother Big Sisters presented the highly prestigious Rotary challenge traveling plaque to three-fourths of this year's winning Putt-a-Round team, hailing from our own club. The foursome trounced the competition (or lack thereof), and we are so proud of them. Congratulations!
- Scott Naumann | A visitor from down under showed off some great BRC swag available for purchase by simply going to the Bettendorf Rotary website. Hats, shirts, pullovers, and more will enable you to show your BRC pride.



Scott Naumann takes a break from his walkabout (that was an Australian accent, right?) to show off great swag available by going to the BRC website.

Happy Bucks:

- Frank Mitvalsky | Frank was thankful that he was able to borrow the BRC projector when he MC'ed the Bettendorf Booster trivia night. He was also happy and proud of his son Jacob's swimming achievements and awards.
- Gwen Tombergs | Gwen recognized her February birthday, just a little late. She also was happy to be included in the top 500 most influential people in the state of Iowa.
- Decker Ploehn | Decker was happy to have Kylie Wise from BBBS at the meeting.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny recently returned from a trip to warmer climes, which she enjoyed but missed her fur babies.
- Bob Gallagher | Mayor Bob appreciated everyone who attended his state of the city address and was especially happy that his dad was able to introduce him at that event.
- Todd Ashby | Todd's daughter's handball team was runner-up in their college competition.



BRC Membership Committee Chair
Bobby Bunch

The survey says.....

Of the approximately 120 BRC members, 56 responded to the recent club survey. As the BRC Membership Committee Chair, Bobby Bunch reviewed those results.

Why do you love Rotary?

- 57% business networking
- 25% lending a hand to the community

How satisfied are you with your membership experience?

- 41.1% extremely satisfied
- 42.9% satisfied
- 16.9% somewhat satisfied

How likely are you to recommend Rotary to a friend?

- 67.9% very likely
- 23.2% likely

Do you feel your membership provides you with good value?

- 60% excellent value
- 30% moderate value
- 10% little value

How do we attract new members?

- Community visibility
 - Wear and/or display BRC merch
 - Be a part of events, festivals, etc.
 - Leverage social media
- Personal invitations and guest experience
- Clear value proposition, both personal and professional

How do we retain current members?

- Engagement and involvement
 - Assign mentors and integrate into the club
 - Rotate leadership roles
- Meaningful meetings and projects
 - Ensure meetings are engaging, diverse, and relevant
- Focus on projects that align with members' passions and strengths
 - Share your ideas for projects with the club.

5 Easy things you can do:

- Sit with someone new at the next meeting.
- Post something Rotary-related on your social media.
- Follow, like, and share the BRC Facebook page.
- Bring a guest at a meeting.
- Suggest an interesting speaker.

important

Take heed of these important meetings and dates coming up quickly.

Grant Management Learning Seminar -

If our club plans to apply for a DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT or a GLOBAL GRANT for the 2025-2026 Rotary year, at least 1 member of the club must attend a GRANT MANAGEMENT LEARNING SEMINAR (GMLS) each year. Register at www.rotary6000.org. Contact Gretchen Nollman or Todd Wheeler at d6000csg@gmail.com with questions.

When: March 29th, 9 a.m.

Where: Shive-Hattery, Inc.

4125 Westown Parkway

West Des Moines, IA

Rotary Leadership Inst.

Dates: April 5th and 6th

Where: West Des Moines, IA

Contact Steve Wienke for any questions swieneked6k@gmail.com.

D6000 Conference

Date: April 12th

Where: FFA Enrichment Center

Ankeny, IA

Contact District Admin Carolyn for any questions at dis6000admin@lisco.com.

(Information provided by Gretchen Nollman
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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



FOUNDATION FACTS

Groups Join for Polio Eradication

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia recently reaffirmed a \$500 million pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) during the fourth Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum. Supervisor General of King Salman Relief and Humanitarian Centre was joined by the Director-General of the World Health Organization; the Executive Director of UNICEF; the CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the President of Global Development at the Gates Foundation and Chair of the Polio Oversight Board; and the Pakistan Polio Plus Chair, Rotary International to sign an agreement that will help the GPEI and its partners reach 370 million children with polio vaccines each year. The funds were initially pledged in April 2024 at the first-ever World Economic Forum Special Meeting hosted in Riyadh.

“The world is on the path to eradicating polio once and for all, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is proud to be part of this global initiative,” said H.E. Dr. Abdullah al Rabeeah. “The Kingdom’s contribution will go toward the important work of protecting the most vulnerable children of today so that the generations of tomorrow can live free from this preventable disease.”

SK Nanda
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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 Bettdendorfrotary@gmail.com, so they can get the latest scoop.

