

APRIL 15, 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
- Jake Eikenberry - John Lavelle, a former Bettendorf coach and teacher passed away last week.

Guests:

- Jeff Kaczinski, President of the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
- Susan Coin, Kathryn and Kiki Coin Koltz, guests of Harry Coin

Field Trip!

In 2 weeks, on April 29th, we will be meeting at Agrow's Cafe, which is located at 3811 Harrison St. in Davenport (across the street from Kunes car dealership).

Agrow's Cafe will provide lunch and we'll learn all about their important programs.

The meeting will begin at noon, as always.

COMING UP...

April 22, 2026



Greg Keller
President

Announcements

- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day** | Join your fellow Rotarians for a volunteer build day with Habitat for Humanity. Saturday May 16th is the date, with location details to follow. Use these links to sign up:
8 am – Noon : [CLICK HERE](#)
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: [CLICK HERE](#)



- **Memory Disorder Seminar** | Dr. Ehrman will conduct an informative session on memory, aging, and the latest advancements in Alzheimer's Care at Meadowview, 5330 Belle Ave. in Davenport on Thursday, April 30th at 6 p.m. [Contact Casandra Chenoweth](#) to RSVP.
- **The Survey Says....** | Incoming president Marcia Erickson was thrilled with the response to the recent survey asking for input on her district grant application. With over 60% of the membership voting, the YWCA came out on top, so she will move forward with that project. Many also voted for the other option, Humility Homes and Services, so Marcia is planning to arrange other ways to support that program.
- **Operation Soapbox** | Joe Champion got "all lathered up" about his challenge to bring in bars of soap to donate to One Eighty. Next week is your last chance to join the cause. Bring in those little bars from your hotel stays, the big bars from your bathroom closet, or a few bucks to help with this basic necessity.



Happy Bucks

- **Harry Coin** | Harry was happy with his special guests today, and he also promoted an event presented by Vera French on Friday, May 8th at 2 p.m. Dr. Nzinga Harrison will talk about her book, *Un-Addiction: 6 Mind Changing Conversations That Could Change A Life*.
- **Amy Vollmer** | Amy's son proposed and a wedding will be taking place soon.
- **Tim Lane** | Tim's granddaughter had open heart surgery last week. The surgery went well, so she left the hospital 2 days later and has been exploring Chicago since then.

Service Above Self

Several Rotarians and guests volunteered at River Bend Food Bank this week. The volunteer event was arranged by the membership committee to expose potential members to the good works of the club. Another group will volunteer on Thursday.



We're #1! We're #1!

BRC is in charge of gallery management on hole #1 at the John Deere Classic again this year. Lots of Rotarians and friends are needed to fill the slots. Invite your friends, family, colleagues, and others to join you.

Use this link to sign up: <https://johndeereclassic.com/>

Questions can be directed to the hole captain, [Jeff Hassel](#).



JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC

This Week's Program

Josh Whitson, Chief Executive Officer

The YMCA of the Iowa Mississippi Valley was founded in October of 1858 and now services Jackson, Clinton, and Scott Counties. Currently, the Y has 7 branch locations, 2 learning centers, 1 sports complex, 1 waterpark, 1 soccer complex, a 265 acre camp, and 10 before and after school sites.

Over 90,000 people are served by the Y, and the programs it offers run the gamut. While many use the facilities for fitness, there are many other opportunities for children and adults. The Y helps people rebuild their lives during or after a cancer journey, they teach children life skills and life lessons, and they help people grow in many different ways.

The Landing waterpark was a huge success in its first year, with over 70,000 visits. Some programs will be expanded this year, due to popular demand.

Some upcoming projects include the completion of the LeClaire Y, which is set to open in November or December, and the relocation of the North Davenport Y.

For more information about the Y, [visit their website.](#)



Maternal and Child Health Month

In developing countries, 1 in 45 women is at risk of dying from causes related to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care compared with 1 in 5,400 in developed countries. 80% of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services, prenatal care, skilled care during childbirth, and postpartum care. In addition, an estimated 5.2 million children under the age of five died mostly from preventable and treatable causes.

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



Happy April Birthday

1st

Patt Englander

7th

Carol Foster

26th

John Rabine

2nd

Linda Wood

9th

Heather Egger

27th

Sean Vogler

4th

Mike Ingleby

12th

Bailey Pribyl

28th

Ryan Thompson

5th

PT Boeye
Mike Vondran

22nd

Brian Strusz

29th

Peggy Schneden



Happy BRC Anniversary

21 Years

Fred Anderson

11 Years

Larry Thein

17 Years

Mary Macumber-Schmidt
Sharon Sarver

8 Years

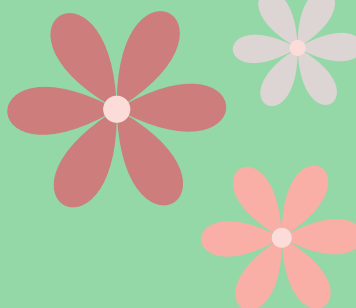
Shawn Langan
Mike Simons

12 Years

Will Doland

2 Years

Tasha Keegan





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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