



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT



APRIL 2, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby welcomed all and told a rather lengthy joke that may or may not have been worth the journey.

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?
- With no music accompaniment, a patriotic song was sung, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Offerings for a Moment of Silence:

- SK Nanda - “Our Troops!”
- Fred Anderson - For the people of Ukraine

Birthdays:

- The April birthday list was read and Rotarians sang the “Happy Birthday” song.

Guest:

- Brian Tuck, Cybersecurity Executive--guest of Steve Sorensen

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, April 16th

Join the City of Bettendorf for a downtown cleanup! Volunteers will clean up streets, parking lots, and parks in the downtown area.

A free lunch will be served between 11:30am - 12:30pm at the City Hall Plaza, 1609 State St., Bettendorf, IA.

Volunteer to be part of a BRC group to help with this project. More information will be available at next week’s meeting.



COMING UP...

Wednesday, April 9th



Cammie Pohl is the owner of Mississippi Spoon Gallery and is attempting to enter the Guinness Book of World Records.

Come hear how you can be involved in the official counting event.

Announcements:

- Brian Strusz | A note of appreciation to BRC was included in the Hope at the Brick House newsletter for the grant they received. The newsletter was passed around and shared.
- PT Boeye | Business cards that have a QR Code linked to an Auction Donation Form were on each table. These cards can be given out to anyone when soliciting donations for the auction. The form was set up by the Silent Auction Committee to make it super easy for anyone to obtain donations and capture the necessary information. The QR code to the left also links to the donation form.



Rotarian of the Quarter:

- Some call her the Lobsterfest Queen, but regardless of the title, Ann Kappeler is the driving force behind the BRC's largest and most successful fundraising event. Though Ann received the 2nd quarter's Rotarian of the Quarter award, all agreed she is worthy of the honor more often than that. Celebrating her award and thanking her for her service in the accompanying photo is Decker Ploehn and President Elect Penny McGimpsey.

Happy Bucks:

- Patt Englander | Patt celebrated her 73rd birthday on April Fool's Day. No really, she did.
- Deb Mueller | Deb is happy to be back after a vacation in Myrtle Beach, and she is excited about being at the Chamber's Hob Nosh tonight.
- Ryan Thompson | Ryan is happy to be attending his first meeting as a new BRC member. Welcome, Ryan!
- Decker Ploehn | Decker celebrated his 35th work anniversary this week. He is also happy to be back after his vacation, which was made even more pleasurable because he got a break from Mike's \$%@* jokes.
- Brian Strusz | The PV Educational Foundation Golf Outing is April 28th at Palmer Hills. The outing raises funds for PV student scholarships.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny echoed Deb's enthusiasm for the Hob Nosh event. She will be among the nearly 600 people who attend this event.

Program Recap

Dan Moore--Local Author

Dan Moore has found inspiration for his writings mostly from traveling the world, but those moments of inspiration can come from anywhere, including a trip to Wallace's Garden Center. After serving as a Navy Commander for a nuclear submarine fleet and retiring from working with nuclear energy, he thought he'd try his hand at writing. Dan's writing takes readers to places they may not know, and he enjoys the journey of adventure and suspense.

The idea for Dan's most recently published book, "Escape on the Silk Road" was hatched during a 2005 trip to the Black Sea when he and his wife spent time in Istanbul. He was intrigued by the history of the Silk Road and began researching it. That experience and Dan's research led to the book and its themes of people helping people when they're in trouble and the universality of human nature.

Dan took writing advice from several authors who wrote books about writing. He's also active with local groups, including the Midwest Writing Center and Writers on the Avenue. Dan credits his wonderful editor for giving him the feedback needed to produce the final work. She offered help with things like, "its too slow here", "this character wouldn't do that", and "a reaction is needed there".

Three more novels are in the works. One is titled, "The Tooth Time Forgot". (It was suggested Dr. Olson should appear in that story.) One is a sequel to "The Last Voyage of the Marigold", and one is a submarine novel set during the cold war.

Dan Moore's books are available online through Amazon or the Barnes and Noble website.

In closing, Dan noted that the Navy's newest fast-attack submarine will be commissioned for duty later this week and it will formally enter service as the USS Iowa, the third Navy vessel in history to be named after the Hawkeye State.



Author Dan Moore shares some of his thoughts with Rotarian Dick Hanzelka after the meeting.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

April

1st

Patt Englander

4th

Mike Ingleby

Brian Strusz

Linda Wood

5th

Mike Vondran

7th

Carol Foster

9th

Heather Egger

23rd

Jen DeBuhr

25th

John Rabine

27th

Gretchen Nollman

29th

Peggy Schneden

Bringing a
colleague, friend,
or neighbor as a
guest during your
birthday month is
a great way to
celebrate!



When you give to
The Rotary Foundation,
you make great things happen.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FACTS: APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

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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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.

