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**APRIL 23, 2025**

## ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

### Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby welcomed all with his trademark joke that was groan-worthy, but a little bit funny.

### 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 - For a good and fair federal judiciary
- Penny McGimpsey - Diane Sievers who recently passed. Diane was one of Penny’s husband’s former classmate
- Scott Naumann - Poopy’s Saloon co-owner, Shelly Leab who recently died.

### Guest:

- Angela DeCook, IHMVCU--guest of Bobby Ray Bunch

## Silent Auction Committee Call for Baskets

After a presentation from Silent Auction Committee member Jen DeBuhr to kick off the discussion, lunch tables buzzed with silent auction basket ideas. Each table committed to a themed basket, ranging from *A Bird Watcher’s Delight* to *You Wanna Pizza This?*

Table groups can either assemble their baskets or bring the basket items to a meeting to have them assembled.

**All items or baskets are needed by May 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you missed out, don’t sweat, you’ll get another chance to participate!

**2025 Rotary Lobsterfest**  
Club of Bettendorf

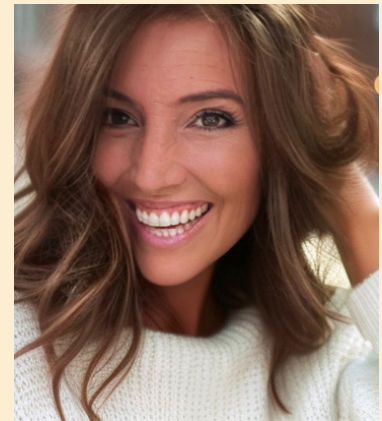
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Abbey Carpet Gallery TBK BANK

Friday June 13, 2025 | Waterfront Center  
BettendorfRotary.com

Shell-abrate Good Times!

## COMING UP...

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Kim VanDerGinst**  
Actress/Producer/  
Entrepreneur/Writer/  
Casting Director

With that many titles, she’s bound to treat us with something interesting next week. Come to the meeting and hear for yourself!

**Volunteer sign-up info. on page 6.**





### ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

The Red Badge Meeting is a chance for you to learn all about Rotary, especially BRC. To be a full fledged BRC member, you must attend a Red Badge Meeting.

#### Announcements:

- Mike Ingleby | Red Badge Meeting on May 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Swirl.
- Brock Biggerstaff | The BRC/Habitat for Humanity Home Build day is Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. No construction skills are necessary. Contact Brock at 515-720-7887, [bbiggerstaff@goambank.com](mailto:bbiggerstaff@goambank.com) or Monica at 309-737-8572, [closing@mtctitle.com](mailto:closing@mtctitle.com) for more info.
- Brock again | On May 15<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed for a BBBS 90 minute mentoring gig at 2 Bettendorf schools. Volunteers will have a sponsored lunch with the kids, followed by games. Contact Brock for more information.

#### Happy Bucks:

- Sandy Yoder | Happy to be back from wintering in Arizona and is proud of his two grandsons for their ice hockey accomplishments.
- Jen DeBuhr | Jen expressed her happiness that everyone listened to her presentation and that she is celebrating her birthday today.
- Scott Naumann | Scott is chairing the Heart Walk on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at Schwiebert Park, which will be a great way to detox from Lobsterfest the previous evening. Scott, Decker Ploehn and others will also be participating in a celebrity bartending fundraiser on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Palmer Hills Golf Course.
- Decker Ploehn | Decker was absent from Rotary for two weeks, because he was on a lobbying trip to Washington DC. Judging by his characterization of the trip, it was not as successful as he would have liked.
- Ann Kappeler | Speaking at the request of Gwen Tombergs, Ann reminded everyone of the Curlee Girl pop-up shop on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. at Crawford Brew Works.
- Michael Hurd | With tax season behind him, Michael is happy to be able to attend meetings again. He is also proud of the hockey team that recently won a tournament in Dallas.

## Service Opportunities



## Program Recap **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley**



Torri Smith, CEO  
Boys & Girls Clubs



Located in Moline, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley's mission is: "We empower all youth to reach their highest potential by providing safe spaces and transformative experiences." CEO Torri Smith, who is also a Moline Rotarian, explained that the clubs are strength-based with an emphasis on making the committee stronger.

Children ages 6 to 18 attend programs Monday through Friday. They are provided with a safe place to build confidence and skills that help them thrive and be successful. Located in the Robert & Blenda Ontiveros Youth Center, teens enjoy a separate space in the upstairs of the building, while the younger children, with different interests and routines are on the lower level. Fifty-two children are served daily; however, the building has the capacity of over 200. Additional staff are needed to increase membership.

After-school programs include snacks, a hot meal, homework time, social/recreation time, and educational programming. A 6-week summer program allows children to attend for a full day. Volunteer academic mentors are always needed.

Of the current attendees, 81% of the children are Hispanic, 6% African American, 10% White, and 3% Multiracial. Children 6 to 8 years of age make up 23%, 9 to 12 years old 53%, and 13 to 18 years old 24%. Funding comes from grants and special events.



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, a Blue Jeans for Blue Doors event is planned. The block party celebration is at the club location from 5 to 9 p.m. and will include food trucks, live music, and an auction Emceed by our very own Decker Ploehn.

Visit the Boys & Girls Clubs website for more information, [www.bgcmv.org](http://www.bgcmv.org).

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY'S  
**BLUE JEANS**  
for Blue Doors

# Happy Birthday



**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!



Calvin Litwiller  
Rotary Foundation  
Distinguished Service Award

## ***THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD***

The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award is a prestigious honor recognizing Rotarians who have demonstrated exceptional service to The Rotary Foundation, extending beyond the district level and over an extended period, including financial contributions, active involvement and leadership in Foundation programs. The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award is an internationally recognized honor, signifying the global impact of the honoree's contributions.

At the D6000 *The Magic of Rotary* Conference in Ankeny, Calvin Litwiller of the Mount Pleasant Evening Rotary was welcomed to the exclusive club of TRF's highest award winners. Litwiller is one of only 50 awardees nominated worldwide. This retired science teacher and Past District Governor wears many hats and exemplifies the very best of Rotary's ideals of service above self. Accepting the "amazing award", Litwiller expressed profound gratitude and encouraged Rotarians "to be part of the Foundation" because, "there are few places where you see the return of the donations" and "I can't encourage you enough to go and see what is being done with your money."

Cal and Rachel, his wife of over 50 years, are avid travelers, having visited all SEVEN continents. Whether it be in Africa, Europe, Asia, South America, the Arctic and Antarctica, the couple has registered attendance at a Rotary meeting in at least one city of every habitable continent on the planet.

## ***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





## Club of Bettendorf

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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!

Volunteer to marshal Hole #1 at the JDC. The goal is to have all slots filled by May 15th. You can invite your friends, family, coworkers, etc. The slots that are still needed are:

- July 2nd: 11 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
14 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
- July 3rd: 11 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
15 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
- July 4th: 7 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
11 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
- July 5th: 9 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM

To volunteer, the link is:

<https://johndeereclassic.com/volunteer>  
The code for hole #1 is BettendorfRotary.

Contact Jeff Hassel at hassel14@gmail.com with any questions.

