



TOGETHER, WE

CONNECT



APRIL 30, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby welcomed all with a lengthy joke that included a bar, some betting, a couple eyes....and a groan from the crowd at it's conclusion.

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 Ukraine
- Dr. Tom Olson - For an oral surgeon colleague who was 59 years old and recently passed
- Gabe Wells - For friends who were abducted and detained by ICE even though they are US citizens. They were eventually released, but the situation was traumatic for the family.
- Shelly Naumann - For Pam Engstrom who lost her five-year battle with cancer

Service Opportunities

The BRC/Habitat for Humanity Home Build day has enough volunteers. THANK YOU!

On May 15th, volunteers are still 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 at 515-720-7887, bbiggerstaff@goambank.com for more information.

COMING UP...

Wednesday, May 7th



Andrew Lehman

Tournament
Director
John Deere Classic

July 2-6, 2025

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





The Latest on Lobsterfest

- Ann Kappeler | The Charities Committee was asked to submit suggestions for this year's Fund-a-Cause, based on grant applications they received. They decided on two focus areas, youth and mental health, and suggested several worthy organizations. A ballot was available for Rotarians to vote for the organization they preferred for Fund-a-Cause.
- Jen DeBuhr | Those who committed to a table basket at last week's meeting should bring in their items. For those who were not at last week's meeting, they can develop their own basket or add to any of the existing baskets. Contact Jen with any questions. **All items or baskets are needed by May 14th.**
- Ann Again | There will be a wine pull again this year, so Rotarians are encouraged to begin bringing in their wine donations starting next week. If someone would rather donate spirits, those can be incorporated into other auction items. Cash is also welcomed.



Happy Bucks:

- Tim Bonney | Asbury United Methodist Church is celebrating their 75th anniversary this Sunday with a banquet after their Sunday morning worship service.
- Gwen Tombergs | A pop-up shop for Curlee Girl Gifts & More is May 1st from 3 to 7 p.m. at Crawford Brew Works. There will be jewelry, clothing, and more, just in time for Mothers' Day.
- Gabe Wells | Fortress Bank is hosting a Business Bootcamp. Flyers with more information are on the tables or contact Gabe.
- Troy Gutknecht | Troy's new wine and spirits store is opening this week. It is located by Iron Tee in the TBK Sports Complex area.
- Mike Simons | Mike threw in \$50, but when asked to speak into the "mic", he spoke instead into the "Mike", so no one knows why he was happy.
- Ryan Thompson | Ryan is celebrating his 26th birthday.
- Decker Ploehn | Decker will celebrate his 73rd birthday on May 1st and his 37th year in the Bettendorf Rotary Club. Also, next Wednesday, Mayor Bob Gallagher, Scott Naumann, Decker and others will be at Palmer Grill from 5 to 7:30 p.m. to raise money for the Heart Association. Threats were made for those who do not attend.
- John Rabine | John celebrated his 80th birthday this past weekend with a surprise party. He was pleased that some of his Rotary friends were at the party.



Happy Bucks Continued:

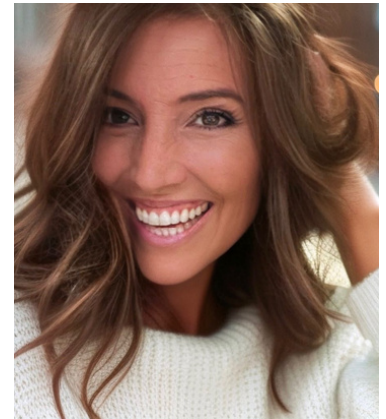
- Brian Strusz | Brian also celebrated a recent birthday, and he was happy that the PV golfing outing was a success. A notable group placed 2nd but he did not mention who was on that silver-placing team.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny is excited about her jam packed day tomorrow. She will be getting a sneak peak at the new wine and spirits store, attending Gwen's pop up store at Crawford's and then welcoming new members at the Red Badge meeting. An Uber ride was suggested.
- Jen DeBuhr | Jen's 15 1/2 year old daughter is available for pet and/or house sitting. Contact Jen if you're interested.

Program Recap

The Power of Storytelling to Influence and Inspire

As a teacher, actor, director, entrepreneur, among other things, Kim uses her storytelling skills every day. Everyone has their own story, and everyone has a story that has influenced their life or inspired them.

Our lives are influenced by many things, whether that be a movie like "Jaws" which convinced Kim she wanted to pursue an acting career, or whether that be people who have lived longer than us who can share their life experiences. Listening to these stories is an emotional journey that links people together.



Kim VanDerGinst

Kim does private coaching to help people develop their storytelling skills. She applies her acting experience to help teach people the importance of communication in developing relationships. These skills are essential to thrive both personally and professionally. Storytelling is what connects us all.

Kim's private coaching gig started with assisting kids interested in theater, but it has evolved over time to helping adults in their professions. For example, lawyers are wanting to hone their persuasion skills and sales people are wanting to learn how to be more convincing. Learning how to tell a story builds confidence and leads to success.



Happy Birthday

May



1st

Decker Ploehn

2nd

Sarah Potter

11th

Eric Reinsch

13th

Marty Clifton

19th

Todd Ashby

26th

Mitch Dietrich

29th

Sharon Sarver

BRC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Katelyn Jacob is the Bettendorf Rotary Club's scholarship winner from Morning Star Academy. She plans to study nursing and dance at Taylor University. BRC Rotarian Monica Kruse was on hand to help congratulate Katelyn.



World Immunization Week celebrates the ability to protect communities from preventable diseases. Thanks to Rotary's global immunization efforts, more than 20 million people who might have been paralyzed by polio can walk today.

Through The Rotary Foundation, our members continue to champion disease prevention by supporting vaccination programs that protect against polio, measles, and other life-threatening diseases.

You can strengthen these efforts and help keep communities healthy by:

- Donating to support polio eradication and disease prevention initiatives
- Sharing Rotary's commitment to immunization

Contact SK Nanda, our BRC Foundation Chair or visit www.rotary.org to learn more.

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!

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.

