

APRIL 8, 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:

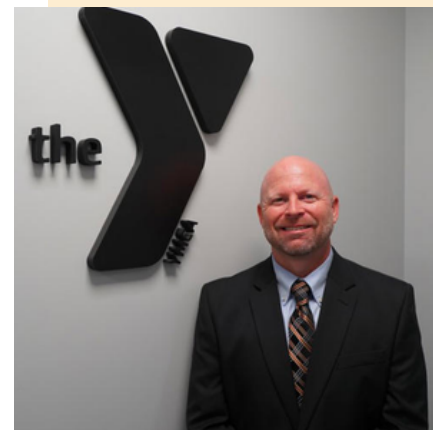
- SK Nanda - "Our Troops!"
- Fred Anderson - Fred's son's father-in-law died over the weekend

Guests:

- Tia Steele, guest of Marcia Erickson
- Sara Jones, guest of Marcia Erickson
- Dr. Matt Nelson, 2nd visit for this potential new member
- Deanna Valliere, visiting from the North Scott Rotary

COMING UP...

April 15, 2026



Josh Whitson
Chief Executive Officer
YMCA of the Iowa
Mississippi Valley
and
member of our club!



Rotary
District 6000



2026 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotarians *Uniting for Good*

May 1st and 2nd

The Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel Conference Center
300 East 9th Street
Coralville, IA 52241

Guardian Integrity Award recipients, including Joe Champion,
will be honored at the reception and dinner on Friday evening.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INFO.](#)

Lobsterfest '26

- **Fund-A-Cause** | Voting took place for the past 2 weeks to narrow the list of possible Fund-a-Cause recipients. Ballots will be tallied, and the top 3 vote-getters will be presented for another round of voting either next week or the week after. Brief videos will be shown to help people make their final decision.
- **Ticket Sales** | Ticket sales are now open. A QR code is available on the website.



Gwen Tombergs and Ann Kappeler don appropriate sweaters at a recent Lobsterfest planning meeting.

Other Announcements

- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day** | A volunteer build day is planned for May 16th with Habitat for Humanity. Use these links to sign up:
8 am – Noon : [CLICK HERE](#)
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Membership Recruitment Initiatives** | Beth Clark thanked everyone who has signed up for the upcoming volunteer opportunities arranged by the Membership Committee to encourage increased membership. All Rotarians who are participating should grab a “Rotarian At Work” t-shirt for themselves and their guests.
- **Next Year’s Grant Project** | Incoming president, Marcia Erickson, would like input from the club regarding the project she will submit for district grant funding. She is considering two possibilities. One project involves Humility Homes and Services, helping prepare apartments for previously unhoused people. The other project is with the YWCA Empowerment Center, helping purchase a vehicle that would increase their ability to do outreach on the streets. Marcia will send an email that will allow everyone to vote for their preferred project.
- **Operation Soapbox** | A recent speaker from the One Eighty organization talked about their need for everyday items, like toilet paper, which they submitted a grant for during this year’s grant cycle. With a nudge from Dave Falk, Joe Champion got on his soapbox and challenged everyone to bring in bars of soap to donate to One Eighty. Dave started the drive with a bag of Irish Spring (left over from St. Patrick’s Day). So, don’t be a soap scum, bring in your extra bars of soap for the next 2 weeks to add to the donation.



Welcome to Our Newest Member

Colbie Andes grew up in Bettendorf before graduating from the University of Northern Iowa. After a few years of work out of the area, Colbie and his wife returned to be closer to family. They have 3 boys—a senior, a sophomore, and an 8th grader.

Colbie has worked in the nonprofit sector for the past 15 to 18 years. He now works for the MercyOne/Genesis Foundation.

Welcome to the club, Colbie!

New member
Colbie Andes and
President Penny



Happy Bucks

- **Patt Englander** | Patt was happy to celebrate her birthday on April Fool's Day, but she was even happier to report she scored her first hole-in-one while on vacation in Charleston.
- **Linda Wood** | JA is kicking off the golf season with their outing on Monday, May 4th at Crow Valley Golf Club. Anyone interested in teeing it up for JA can visit heartland.ja.org.
- **Ken Vandersnick** | Kenny was happy that the Illini made it to the Final Four during March Madness.
- **Deanna Valliere** | The North Scott Rotary's grant applications are now available. Nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply for grants up to \$5000.
- **Angie Kendall** | Angie's two sons are celebrating their 9th and 11th birthdays a few days apart. Angie also reminded everyone that many organizations are participating in the Birdies for Charity program, so she encouraged everyone to make a pledge and consider a contribution to the bonus pool as well.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny was happy that a check was presented to the downtown Bettendorf group in support of the new BETT sign. Several Rotarians were in attendance at the presentation. The sign and the site are being prepared, with the installation planned at the end of May.



[This Week's Program](#)

Amy Jones, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility

“Doing good is good for business,” said Amy Jones from Royal Neighbors of America. A company that aligns its business with being responsible to their communities helps employees engage and, ultimately, helps the bottom line.

Corporate Social Responsibility can come in a variety of forms: environmental responsibility, ethical responsibility, economic responsibility, and/or philanthropic responsibility. Companies should consider what makes sense for their business and also allow employees to provide input when deciding where their areas of focus will be.

Royal Neighbors has had a \$52 million impact across the country with their corporate social responsibility work.

Royal Neighbors 290,000+ members across the country help drive their mission through localized volunteerism making social impact the cornerstone of their work. For more information, take a look at their [Annual Report](#).

A poster for April Designation Month. On the left, the text "APRIL DESIGNATION IS" is written vertically in blue. The main image shows a close-up of a young child's face, looking slightly to the side. A large, semi-transparent yellow Rotary International gear logo is overlaid on the right side of the child's face. Below the child's face, the text "MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH" is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. At the bottom, there is a quote in white text on a dark blue background: "What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." followed by "1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr". At the bottom left is the Rotary International logo, and at the bottom right is the text "TAKE ACTION: Join a Project".

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Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

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

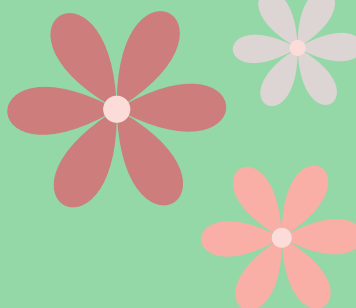
Shawn Langan
Mike Simons

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