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# CONNECT

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

**MAY 21, 2025**

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

### Call to Order:

- President Mike Ingleby began the meeting and shared a joke that was (mostly) appropriate for the audience.

### 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
- Pat Engelhaupt - For his 50 year old nephew who recently died of a heart attack
- Scott Naumann - For the officers involved in a shooting this morning and for all law enforcement who display courage every day
- Tom Olson - For the family of Judy Barber who recently passed

### Guests:

- Jordan Williams, Rotarian from the North Scott club and buddy of Jake Eikenberry



- Among the guests this week were 3 BRC scholarship recipients, (from left) Katelyn Jacob from Morning Star Academy and Ainsley Cox and Matthew Eilers, both from Pleasant Valley High School.

BRC gives out 7 scholarships per year, each for \$1000, to Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley, Morning Star Academy, Rivermont Collegiate, and Scott Community College students.

## *COMING UP...*

**Wednesday, May 28th**



Lora Adams  
Black Box Theater  
and  
Former BRC Member

Some Rotarians may have received a phishing email recently from a fellow Rotarian. Be cautious when opening something that looks "phishy" Do not click on links until you have verified its authenticity.



#### TO DO LIST:

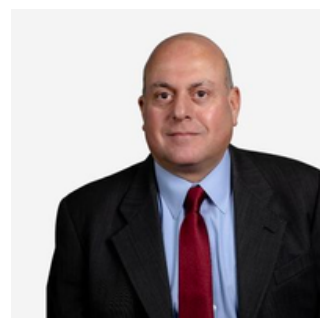
1. Buy your tickets for Lobsterfest
2. Bring wine and/or cash to a meeting for the wine pull
3. Contribute to the raffle by purchasing lottery tickets (unscratched, please)
4. Like and share social media posts

## The Latest on Lobsterfest

- Marcia Erickson | A *Wicked* themed basket is being developed. If anyone is interested in contributing to that basket, see Marcia.
- Jen DeBuhr | John DeDoncker and Bill Daley appeared on *Quad Cities Live* to promote Lobsterfest. The link to the appearance has been posted on social media. Please share it.
- Gwen Tombergs | Steve's Mirror and Glass contributed \$400 worth of scratch off tickets for the raffle. To add to that bunch, purchase your scratch offs and give them to Gwen.
- Ann Kappeler | QR codes are available to purchase tickets. If you haven't done so, please purchase your tickets now. Also, volunteers will be needed to set up at 8 a.m. on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Waterfront. A sign up sheet will be available at an upcoming meeting.

## Other Announcements

- Decker Ploehn | A domestic disturbance in the early hours of the morning resulted in two Bettendorf police officers with gun shot wounds. Both were treated at the hospital and released. The perpetrator was arrested. Many well wishes have already been received and are appreciated.
- Penny McGimpsey | The club is deeply grateful to Shelly Naumann for her dedication, time, and commitment over the past five years in the position of Club Secretary. She has balanced her full-time job and many other responsibilities while generously giving her talents to the club. Shelly will be transitioning out of the position over the next month or two. During that time, Carol Foster will serve as the interim club secretary.
- Elias Alkhouri has returned as a BRC member after a brief hiatus. Elias is a CPA at Centennial Tax & Accounting and previously served as the club's treasurer.



## Happy Bucks

- Marcia Erickson | Marcia's son just graduated.
- Jake Eikenberry | Jake's son just celebrated his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Linda Wood | Mayor Gallagher swore in the Biztown mayor this week. Volunteers are needed at a JA event on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Several Rotarians volunteered.
- Olivia Warren | Olivia's brother is getting married soon.
- Shelly Wells Cain | Lisa Bluder will be at a Girl Scouts' event coming up.
- Monica Kruse | Monica's son just graduated from grad school, so she will soon have more money to contribute to happy bucks.
- Gwen Tombergs | Curly Girl will have a presence at Thursday's Bettendorf Business Network event at the Waterfront Convention Center.
- Joe Pacha | Joe's granddaughter recently graduated with honors and was also named as athlete of the year.
- Joe Champion | Joe participated in the "Big for a Day" event and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- Tom Howard | After a very long drive, Tom's grandson arrived safely in Fairbanks, Alaska at the Air Force base where he is now assigned.
- Scott Naumann | A ribbon cutting will take place tonight at Jetty Park where a *Heart and Soul* statue has been erected.



In conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, seven BRC Rotarians joined other volunteers to eat lunch and spend some time with kids at Mark Twain and Grant Wood elementary schools.



## This Week's Program in Brief

### **Esther Joy King, YouthHope**



YouthHope

YouthHope's mission is to bring children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship with Christ through encouraging, equipping, and empowering them through Community Outreach, Youth Centers, and Camp Summit Programs. YouthHope meets the Spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and vocational needs of low-income and at-risk youth.

For more information about YouthHope or how you can help, visit their website at [youthhopeqc.org](http://youthhopeqc.org).



# Happy Birthday

# May



**1st**  
Decker Ploehn

**2nd**  
Sarah Potter

**11th**  
Eric Reinsch

**13th**  
Marty Clifton

**19th**  
Todd Ashby

**26th**  
Mitch Dietrich

**29th**  
Sharon Sarver

**BRING A  
FRIEND!**  
to Rotary during  
your birthday  
month to  
celebrate!



Rotary International, in partnership with the Gates Foundation, will spend over \$9 million on childhood health improvements in Nigeria. The continued threat of malaria, pneumonia, and diarrheal diseases to children under five years old in that country has necessitated this action. The project is expected to impact more than 3 million people in over 700,000 households in targeted states.

The Nigeria program is a multi-country initiative aimed at strengthening community health systems and reducing childhood mortality in sub-Saharan Africa especially Nigeria, Mozambique, Zambia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The initiative is expected to build on the success of other Rotary programs, which have significantly reduced malaria in targeted districts. Over 2,750 community health workers will be trained and deployed to provide essential diagnoses, treatment, and care for malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea, significantly reducing childhood mortality in these regions. The program will also foster community engagement and raise awareness on the importance of early disease treatment, while improving data collection and management practices for accurate health reporting and informed decision-making.

Foundation dollars make the world a better place by helping children and families across the globe. Contact our Foundation Chair, SK Nanda for more information about The Rotary Foundation and how you can help continue their important work.

## ***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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Gallery Management volunteers are still needed  
for Hole #1 at the JDC July 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6th.

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

Contact Jeff Hassel at  
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