

MAY 27, 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!"
- Tom Olson - Tom's friend Mike Stopulos died after a brief illness, which Tom says is a reminder to eat the pie and enjoy every day.
- Fred Anderson - The people of Ukraine

Guests:

- District 6000 Governor Nolan Hinke
- Pam Thornton--Guest and wife of Pat Thornton
- Andrea Otten--Guest and daughter of Pat Thornton



Congratulations Again

Due to a snafu at the district conference, all Guardian of Integrity award recipients received a certificate that did not include their name.

Although Joe Champion received his much-deserved recognition at the conference, today, District Governor Norlan Hinke presented a new certificate bearing Joe's name.

Congratulations again, Joe!

COMING UP...

June 3, 2026



Ashley Baxter
Director of Development



*We have Venmo
now!*

@bettendorfrotary





Lobsterfest Quiz

Question #1:

Have you purchased your Lobsterfest tickets yet?
[CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.

Lobsterfest 2026
Tickets on sale now at: LobsterfestQC.org
A great dinner featuring lobster tail and all the sides, hosted wine and beer, live and mobile auctions. Proceeds support QC area nonprofits!
20th Year!
Rotary Club of Bettendorf | UnityPoint Health | TBK BANK
Friday, June 12 | Waterfront Convention Center

Question #2:

If you are a sponsor, have you supplied your guests' names and email addresses to Carol?
Click here to send info: bettendorfrotrary@gmail.com

Question #3:

Have you brought in the wine you promised for the wine pull?

Question #4:

Have you brought in the table basket swag you committed to?

Question #5:

Have you encouraged everyone you know to attend? [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!](#)

And the winner is....

After club members voted for their charity of choice to be the fund-a-cause recipient this year, Family Resources rose to the top. For more than 175 years, Family Resources has been providing services to families in need. What a worthy cause to support! Thanks to everyone who voted.



**Family
RESOURCES**

John Deere Classic Volunteer Sign Up

BRC has been in charge of gallery management on hole #1 at the John Deere Classic for 25 years, so keep the tradition alive and volunteer.

To allow the John Deere Classic staff and volunteers to prepare for volunteer uniform distribution and scheduling, **please register by Tuesday, June 9th**.

Use this link to sign up: <https://johndeereclassic.com/>
Questions can be directed to the hole captain, [Jeff Hassel](#).



**JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC**

July 1st - 5th

Happy Bucks

- **Tim Downing** | Tim's granddaughter graduated from Iowa State University with honors. She was offered an opportunity to continue her organic chemistry studies at the University of Indiana and will eventually obtain a Master's Degree and Doctorate from there.
- **Sharon Sarver** | Sharon is happy to be a member of the Bettendorf Rotary, as opposed to a Rotary club she visited yesterday that was, shall we say, more sedate.
- **Sharon Sarver Again** | Having been an employee of Family Resources for nearly 30 years, Sharon was grateful and happy that they have been chosen as this year's fund-a-cause recipient.
- **Frank Mitvalsky** | Frank's two younger sons completed a challenging backpacking trip, and he was happy they made it back safe and sound...and that they showered before coming home.
- **Ann Kappeler** | Ann's grandson graduated from Bettendorf High School last week, and he was a participant in the student home build program. Ann attended the house's open house where she found fellow Rotarian Tracy Rommel and her husband serving refreshments. Tracy and her husband live in a home that was also built by students some years ago, so they continue to support this great high school initiative.
- **Norlan Hinke** | Norlin had both a granddaughter and a grandson graduate recently. Both grandkids received their diplomas with top honors. According to Norlin's wife, the kids got their brains from her side of the family.



This Week's Program

Jason Otten, Certified Prevention Specialist

Behavioral health includes disorders related to mental health, addiction, life stressors, and crises. Behavioral health care refers to a full spectrum of prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support and crisis care.

Although many Iowans are unaware of its existence, a program called “Your Life Iowa” is designed to provide support in a variety of ways. System navigators assist people with scheduling appointments, educating them on available resources, connecting them with those resources, and eliminating barriers to getting help. More information about “Your Life Iowa” can be found [HERE](#).

Prevention is a key component to protect against behavioral health conditions. A community assessment is planned to begin in July of this year. Participating in the assessment will provide valuable information to plan for the future.



UnityPoint Health
Robert Young Center
Center for Alcohol & Drug Services



Support The Rotary Foundation and you support youth here and around the world. Contact our [Foundation Chair, SK Nanda](#) for more information or visit [The Rotary Foundation website](#).

Why does youth service month matter? Because in a world increasingly shaped by uncertainty, conflict, and rapid change, young people need not only skills, but ethics, compassion, and courage. Rotary’s Four-Way Test is more than a moral compass for adults—it’s a framework that can shape future leaders with integrity.

This month, Rotarians should ask: Are we listening to young voices? Are we creating space at the table for them? Are we mentoring or simply managing? Youth Service isn’t just about giving young people tasks—it’s about giving them trust.

Let May be a time of inspiration and action. The next generation is not waiting—they are ready now.

Happy May Birthday

1st
Decker Ploehn

13th
Marty Clifton

29th
Sharon Sarver

2nd
Sarah Potter

26th
Mitch Dietrich

30th
Deb Boland

11th
Eric Reinsch



Happy BRC Anniversary

52 Years
Tim Downing

20 Years
Ann Kappeler

8 Years
Sandy Yoder

40 Years
Decker Ploehn

16 Years
Penny McGimpsey

4 Years
Pat Engelhaupt

25 Years
Greg Blaske

12 Years
Lee Marbach

1 Year
Veena Wulfekuhle
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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