



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

### Call to Order:

- Though time was short, President Mike Ingleby “delivered” his weekly joke.

### 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!”
- Troy Gutknecht - For a friend’s mother who recently died
- Dr. Tom Olson - For friend Bob Bloomer who died April 27th
- Mike Simons - For his cousin who recently passed from cancer

### Guests:

- Ava Booth & MacKensie Schaefer

### Birthdays:

- The “Happy Birthday, Rotarians” song was sung for those celebrating in May. See page 4 for the list of May birthdays



Congratulations to Bettendorf High School students Ava Booth and MacKensie Schaefer (pictured here with President Mike Ingleby) who were two recipients of this year’s Bettendorf Rotary Club scholarships.

## COMING UP...

**Wednesday, May 14th**



### John DeDoncker

Our very own BRC member will do his annual economic forecasting presentation.

Since there hasn’t been much going on in that arena, it might be kind of a snoozer but come anyway.





## The Latest on Lobsterfest

- Shelly Naumann (pitch hitting for Ann Kappeler who was under the weather today) | Votes are still being taken for the Fund-a-Cause charity. If members have not cast a ballot yet, Shelly can provide one. Ticket sales are now open. A QR code is available on the tables that direct you to the site. Wine and/or cash for the wine pull is now being gathered. Please remember to bring your donations to the upcoming meetings.
- Jen DeBuhr | Those who committed to a table basket need to bring in their items by May 14<sup>th</sup> to allow time to assemble and process the donations. Also, social media posts have been made with all the Lobsterfest information. Please share those posts to get the word out.



## Other Announcements

- Penny McGimpsey | On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, bbigstaff@goambank.com for more information.
- Steve Sorensen | The Center sent a heartfelt note thanking BRC for the 120 blanket donations used by the people served at The Center this winter.
- Linda Wood | JA has a BizTown Summer Camp June 16 - 19<sup>th</sup> for kids 10 - 12 years of age. Contact Linda for more information.



## Happy Bucks

- Sharon Sarver | Sharon is happy to be back after traveling to several states (and surviving) a 2 ½ week trip in a Sprinter van with her husband and dog. She enjoyed the trip and has Penny McGimpsey to thank for it, via Larry Thein and Ann Kappeler.
- Tim Lane | The Alzheimer's Association fundraiser was a great success thanks to Decker's help. Tim also thanked Mike Vondran for the work he does for the state of Iowa.
- Frank Mitvalsky | Frank was thankful for the opportunity to chaperone the after-prom party again this year.
- Larry O'Brien | After spending the winter in Florida, Larry is glad to be back.
- Troy Gutknecht | Troy was thankful for the support of his new wine and spirits store at the store's opening last week.
- Greg Blaske | Greg's daughter had a lovely wedding and festive party in Georgia on April 26th.

## Welcome to the Club!

Three new Rotarians were inducted into our fantastic club. Here's what was learned about these great additions to our membership during the 2-minute summary of their life.



Lana Wood, Chad Nichols and Ryan Thompson are the newest BRC members.

**Congratulations and Welcome!**

### Lana Wood

Since 1997, Lana has called the Quad Cities her home. She has been a realtor for 24 years. Lana has been married for 41 years. She has 3 boys and 6 grandkids. Her middle son is in special ops and is soon being deployed to parts unknown. She asked for all Rotarians to pray for him.

### Chad Nichols

Chad is a co-owner of Eagle Eye Contracting and also does home inspecting. He is a native of Bettendorf, has been married for 30 years and has 2 kids.

### Ryan Thompson

Born in Michigan, Ryan grew up in Bettendorf, and he now lives and works in Davenport. Ryan received his business degree from the University of Iowa and currently works at Quad City Bank & Trust as a credit analyst.

## **Bettendorf Rotary Gear:**

Visit the BRC website, click on the link at the top of the home page and show off your club pride with some new BRC apparel.





## Program Recap

### **Andrew Lehman, John Deere Classic Tournament Director**

Nineteen years ago, Andrew Lehman started as an intern for the John Deere Classic (JDC). After ascending through the ranks, he is now the tournament director, and according to Decker Ploehn, “the perfect fit for the job.”

Over the years, the JDC has been recognized for its community engagement, receiving the “Most Engaged Community” event on the PGA tour 9 times. In 2016, the JDC was named “Tournament of the Year” and has been a finalist for that recognition two other times.

The mission of the tournament is to:

- Contribute positively to the quality of life in the community
- Provide growing annual financial contributions to charity
- Promote volunteerism
- Provide a positive economic impact to the community
- Contribute to a more inclusive community and attract more diverse populations to the game of golf.

These goals align with those of Deere and Company.

The Birdies For Charity program raised \$15.9 million for the 476 participating organizations last year. This year’s goal is to not only raise that number but to also include a 10% match.

This year’s events will include the Concerts on the Course again, with entertainers Dierks Bentley on July 5<sup>th</sup> and Zac Brown Band on July 6<sup>th</sup>. These concerts have helped to improve attendance on the weekends as well as provide a means to attract a more diverse audience.

The JDC has earned a reputation of picking up-and-coming talent. The sponsor exemptions have brought in young golfers and started many of those players on amazing paths to wins and success on the tour.

### **BRC members, friends, and family are still needed for hole #1.**

The slots for Gallery Management (fka. marshall) that are still needed are:

July 2nd:	7 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM
	10 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
July 3rd:	4 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM
	14 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
July 4th:	5 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 12:30 PM
	11 volunteers - 12:15 PM - 6:30 PM
July 5th:	2 volunteers - 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM
July 6th:	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](mailto:hassel14@gmail.com) with any questions.



# 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!



More than 100,000 books shipped to South Sudan have been unloaded and are in the hands of students. The materials, received in 2024 by the Rotary Club of Juba, include legal, pharmaceutical, and other science textbooks, along with 11 computers loaded with an additional 33,000 textbooks. The shipment had a value of over \$1.5 million.

The shipment was coordinated by a Minnesota nonprofit supported in part by Rotarians. Charles Cogan, a member of the Rotary Club of Northfield, Minnesota, who led the project, says senior Rotary leaders helped the project coordinators connect with other humanitarian organizations. "The partnerships were the key here and turned a smaller project of one container into five containers with 100,000-plus books," Cogan says.

The project was supported by the Juba club as well as 14 clubs in Minnesota and Wisconsin and a District 5960 matching grant.

This is an example of your foundation dollars at work making the world a better place by helping youth 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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“WHATEVER ROTARY MAY MEAN TO US,  
TO THE WORLD IT WILL BE KNOWN  
BY THE RESULTS IT ACHIEVES.”

—PAUL P. HARRIS