

JUNE 10, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



The meeting began with....

Welcoming everyone today was the beautiful sound of Gail's piano playing. Welcome back, Gail!

Handshake Greetings:

- Rotarians shared a handshake and hello to their neighbors.

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!"

Guest:

- Susan Coin, guest and spouse of Harry Coin

Red Badge Meeting

For those of you who are new to the club or want a refresh about all things BRC, a Red Badge Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, June 18th

5 to 7 p.m.

Keller's American Grill

Contact Carol at bettendorfrotary@gmail.com to RSVP.

COMING UP...

June 17, 2026



Ashleigh Johnston
Marketing and
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It's Almost Here!

Not-Chair Ann Kappeler gave a shout out to Mike Simons, Gwen Tombergs, Jake Eikenberry and Jake's helpers for getting all the Lobsterfest "stuff" to the Waterfront today.

Anyone who is available to help set up on Friday should be at the Waterfront at 8:30 or 9 a.m.

For those who will not be attending, a link will be available to bid on silent auction items. Bidding will begin at noon on Friday.

Sponsors who are unable to fill their tables should contact Carol and/or Sharon, so an accurate count can be given to the Waterfront.



John Deere Classic Volunteer Sign Up

There are still open spots for our JDC gallery management assignment on Hole #1.

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



Scouts Need Help

Scout camp starts next week and runs throughout the summer. Unfortunately, the aquatics director is no longer available, so they are in need of someone to take that spot. Without an aquatics director, the campers will be unable to do any water-related activities, including swimming, canoeing, etc.

If anyone has any suggestions for someone to fill this role, contact [Deb Boland](#) or [Ray Brauer](#) as soon as possible.



Happy Bucks

- **Greg Blaske** | Greg recited a litany of reasons to be happy: his 25th anniversary with Bettendorf Rotary, his 36th wedding anniversary, his 38th work anniversary with Rock Valley, and the upcoming 2nd birthday of his grandson. He also threw in a plug to volunteer for the JDC.
- **Matt Nelson** | Matt tossed in a bill representing his birthday, but he wouldn't divulge the size of the bill.
- **Tom Olson** | Things must be slow at the office, so Tom will be bringing lobster-shaped gummy bears to Lobsterfest to drum up some business.
- **Dean Kraus** | Dean is unhappy to miss Lobsterfest but happy that he'll be on his way to Italy, where he will be spending about 2 weeks.
- **Jerry Higgs** | Jerry and his wife just celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary.
- **Angie Kendall** | Everyone at Hand in Hand is grateful for last year's donation through fund-a-cause. By running the donation through Birdies For Charity, Hand in Hand received an addition 9% from the bonus fund. Rotarians were encouraged to support their favorite charities by making a pledge to Birdies.
- **Ann Kappeler** | Celebrating her 20th anniversary and her 20th Lobsterfest, Ann announced that this is "absolutely, positively" her last year of heading up Lobsterfest. However, she is excited that her family will be attending this year's event, and that she is heading out of town right afterwards to celebrate her birthday with her daughter.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny and Mr. McG will be at the Village Hops event in the Village of East Davenport on Saturday, pouring for Potosi from 2 to 6 p.m.
- **Marsha Luedtke** | Marsha is happy to be driving her dad to visit his siblings this weekend, and she appreciated all the prayers following her dad's stroke.



[This Week's Program](#)

Kristen Meyer, Instructor

Junior Theatre will be celebrating their 75th season starting this Fall. Throughout their existence, they have been known for the performances, but they do much more than put on plays. While the children involved in Junior Theatre learn lines, lighting, and other performance-related skills, they are also learning how to speak in front of others, how to be confident, how to work with others, and many other valuable life skills. Relationships built during their time at Junior Theatre often last long after the children are no longer children.

After searching for a new home, Junior Theatre partnered with Davenport Community Schools. The Davenport Learning Center (DLC) on Kimberly Road in Davenport has developed into a great space for the many Junior Theatre activities. The theatre space located on the Annie Wittenmyer complex is still used for performances, but the DLC space is used for all other offerings.

To learn more about Junior Theatre and see a list of upcoming events, visit [Davenport Junior Theatre](#).



Support The Rotary Foundation
in their efforts to promote
fellowship around the world.

Contact our
[Foundation Chair, SK Nanda](#) for
more information or visit
[The Rotary Foundation website](#).

Rotary Fellowships month is an invitation to strengthen the bonds that unite Rotarians beyond the club. Built around shared passions and common interests, these fellowships perfectly reflect the spirit of friendship, fellowship, and openness that defines Rotary. Whether centered on culture, sports, music, travel, or humanitarian service, Rotary Fellowships provide unique opportunities to share experiences, learn from one another, and build meaningful relationships.

By encouraging international exchanges and personal connections, Rotary fellowships contribute to greater understanding among peoples and strengthen our ability to serve others more effectively. June offers an ideal opportunity to discover a Rotary Fellowship and become actively involved. Let us continue to cultivate special bonds of friendship that enrich Rotary and help build a more united world founded on mutual respect, fellowship, and lasting goodwill.

Happy **JUNE** Birthday

4th
Daryn Smith

8th
Matt Nelson

17th
Ann Kappeler

6th
Laura Johannsen

16th
Angie Kendall
Olivia Warren

22nd
Tim Lane

7th
Tracy Rommel

24th
Bill Daley



Happy BRC Anniversary

6 Years
Torri Smith

3 Years
Troy Gutknecht

1 Year
Angie Kendall





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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