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Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

JUNE 18, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- Presiding over his second to last meeting as President, Mike Ingleby started the meeting with a 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!"
- Decker Ploehn - For Tom Otting who passed away last week

Guest:

- Ken Lane - Guest of Amy Vollmer

Volunteer Opportunity



A Central City Repair Program
Rock the Block #2
June 20 & 21, 2025

A 2-day "Rock the Block" project is planned for June 20th and 21st, making minor exterior home repairs and improvements to properties located along West 17th Street, between Gaines and Ripley in Davenport.

Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon and/or 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch and t-shirts are included!

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

COMING UP...

June 25, 2025



BRC Member and State Representative Gary Mohr will give a review of this year's legislative session.

July 2nd

Presidents' Gavel Pass



Come for the very first meeting of Penny McGimpsey's presidential year.



Happy Bucks

- Ann Kappeler | Typically shy about sharing her age, Ann was happy to tell everyone that she celebrated her 75th birthday. Coincidentally, 75 is the mandatory retirement age for Lobsterfest Chair, so a replacement will be necessary for next year's event.
- Kenny Vandersnick | Kenny gave a shout out to Jerry Felsing and his team at Steve's Mirror and Glass, who fixed him up with some glass needs at Kenny's condo.
- Decker Ploehn | Amongst a record number of f-bombs dropped during Friday night's event, Decker may have inadvertently made a faux pas for which he apologized.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny gave kudos to Beth Clark for helping with the wine pull preparations, and Ann jumped in with praise for Beth's marketing skills for the event. Penny also enjoyed a "fire sale" joke Decker made during Lobsterfest directed to the folks at Wallace's. (Too soon?!)

Raise Your Hand and Get Involved

Our club has some needs and you can help fill them.

- **Board Members** | The new Rotary year starts July 1, and two board seats are open--Vocational Service and International. Contact any board member for more information or to express your interest. Board members are Mike Ingleby, Penny McGimpsey, Marcia Erickson, Brock Biggerstaff, Jake Eikenberry, Brian Strusz, SK Nanda, Ann Kappeler, and Joe Campion.
- **Lobsterfest Chair(s)** | The Lobsterfest queen is ready to abdicate, so a new chair (or co-chairs or tri-chairs) will be needed for next year's event. Ann will be available for consulting, so don't be afraid to step forward. For more information about this role, contact Ann or Frank Mitvalsky, who has offered to help with the transition.
- **Social Media Guru** | Update the BRC LinkedIn and Facebook pages--that's all there is to it! Contact Penny McGimpsey if you're interested.



Lobsterfest 2025 – A Great Shell-abration

Another Lobsterfest is in the books, and it was a doozy! According to Ann Kappeler, who spearheaded the whole shindig (and has an amazing array of lobster-related apparel), proceeds are estimated to be in line with last year's record numbers. Final totals are not quite ready to be revealed, but by all accounts, the evening was a great success.

The BRC should collectively take a bow for pulling off this amazing fundraiser that will positively impact many people in this community.



The Fund-A-Cause effort to support Hand in Hand raised over \$32,500--a new record to go to a great organization that BRC members chose.

Thank You

This Week's Program

Victoria Edwards, Director of Development

Nahant Marsh is a 382-acre preserve nestled in southwest Davenport. It is part of a 513-acre wetland complex that is bordered by the Mississippi River, Interstate 280, and Highway 22.

Nahant's mission is to **protect**, **enhance**, and **restore** the Marsh through **education**, **research**, and **conservation**. They conduct both on and off-site educational programs and provide programming that focuses on midwest ecosystems, conservation, and stewardship.



To view a full calendar of upcoming events and see how you can get involved, visit www.nahantmarsh.org.



Rotary International President Selected

The Rotary International Board of Directors in a special session selected Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy to be the RI President as of July 1, 2025. He replaces Mario Cesar Martins de Carmargo who resigned unexpectedly June 8th. The board of directors followed the RI code and policies to select Francesco from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025 - 2026 presidential message, UNITE FOR GOOD will remain the same. This message calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Rotary brings together people of every background in a shared mission to do good in their communities. District 6000 Rotary Clubs and members exemplify this message extremely well.



Norlan Hinke
District Governor 2025 - 2026

Happy Birthday



June



Bring
a
Friend

1st

Steve Roberts

4th

Daryn Smith

6th

Laura Johannsen

7th

Tracy Rommel

16th

Olivia Warren

17th

Ann Kappeler

21st


Sharon Smith

22nd

Tim Lane

24th

Bill Daley



Celebrate your birthday
month by inviting
someone to join you at
a Rotary meeting.



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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