



ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- Presiding over his final meeting as President, Mike Ingleby polled the group to see if he should tell a joke and if so, a choice was given. Feeling benevolent, the group voted to hear Mike's final joke as President.

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!"
- Tim Lane - Karen Carstens, an educator in the North Scott School District passed away recently.

Guests:

- Rotarian Drew Wilson visited from the North Scott club.
- Leah Allen, Queen of the Waterfront Convention Center - guest of Ann Kappeler



Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Foundation Chair SK Nanda recognized Greg Blaske with a pin and congratulations for supporting the work of Rotary International with his contributions.

In addition to making personal contributions, BRC pays into the foundation for members in order to support the foundation's important work worldwide.

COMING UP...

July 2, 2025



Melissa Mohr
Figge Art Museum
Executive Director and
CEO

Presidents' Gavel Pass



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



Happy Bucks

- Greg Blaske | Greg had a list of reason to be happy: He received his Paul Harris recognition. Last month, he and his bride celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. He had a 37th work anniversary at Rock Valley, making him one of the most “seasoned” staff there. And, his grandson just turned one.
- Tim Lane | Tim paid off a bet, taking the “under” on whether Mike would make 12 months of his presidency. Mike confirmed it was touch and go, but he made it. Tim also recently celebrated a birthday and wedding anniversary.
- Drew Wilson | Visiting from the North Scott Rotary Club, Drew was happy that he was able to hear Gary Mohr two days in a row.
- Decker Ploehn | Tomorrow at the Figge, the principal designer for the I-74 bridge will be speaking from 6 to 7 p.m. with a book signing afterwards. Miguel Rosales is from Guatemala, and has designed bridges all over the world. The I-74 bridge makes an appearance on the back cover of the book, and other structurally artistic bridges that he has designed are featured throughout the book. The always helpful Penny McGimpsey chimed in to mention that the Figge bar is open on Thursdays.
- Tom Olson | Tom said he does structurally artistic bridges every day, just like Mr. Rosales.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny was thrilled to announce that WQUD 107.7 Vintage Radio will be the new home of Hawkeye football, as well as men’s and women’s basketball. Anyone interested in sponsorships should contact Penny.
- Craig Windmiller | The Windmillers recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.
- Marsha Luedke | Three tickets for next week’s event featuring former Iowa basketball coach Lisa Bluder are available. If anyone is interested in these tickets, they should contact Marsha.



This Week's Program

Gary Mohr, Iowa State Representative

Legislation that was passed during this year's session will become law on July 1st. Representative Gary Mohr reviewed some of those bills, including the requirement for hands-free phone use while driving and the reduction of unemployment insurance tax rates on businesses.

Limiting the use of eminent domain was a hotly debated topic this year. A bill was passed but vetoed by the Governor.

Nothing was done in regard to property tax reform this year, but ideas to address that are welcomed. Gary reminded everyone that collected property taxes do not go to the state; however, many of his constituents have concerns about their property taxes, so the state legislature is working to address those concerns.

According to Gary, the state's financial situation is good. However, there are several areas of increased spending that are of concern. The budget bill currently being debated at the federal level has large Medicaid reductions to come to states. The impact is unknown, but Iowa will be unable to make up the difference. Another area is the amount being spent on the Education Savings Account vouchers for private schools.



For a full list of bills passed during the year's legislative session click [here](#).

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.



Thanks to Beth Clark for raising her hand to do social media posts and website updates!



2nd

Larry O'Brien

10th

Monica Kruse

11th

Pat Engelhaupt

14th

John DeDoncker

17th

Frank Mitvalsky

20th

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21st

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30th

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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