

JUNE 3, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



The meeting began with....

Handshake Greetings:

- Starting things off on a new foot, or rather, a hand, everyone greeted their neighbors with a handshake and a friendly “hello”.



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!”
- Linda Wood - For the community of Muscatine dealing with the recent tragedy there
- Marsha Luedtke - For her father who recently experienced another stroke
- Joe Campion - This June marks the 82nd anniversary of D-Day. We should keep those men and women in our thoughts.

Guests:

- Gary Francque visiting from the Moline Rotary Club
- Mark Carlson visiting from the Moline Rotary Club

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- Happy birthday and Rotary anniversary! See page 5 for a list of who’s celebrating.

COMING UP...

June 10, 2026



Kristin Meyer
Instructor



DAVENPORT JUNIOR THEATRE

**We have Venmo
now!**

@bettendorfrotary



Live auction sneak peak

Some great live auction items are ready for the highest bidder at this year's Lobsterfest. Among the items are:

- A Cubs' game package
- Next year's head table, complete with special treatment
- Streets of Italy package
- HyVee Bourbon and Beef package, with some exclusive bourbon
- Gourmet dinner and wine
- IA v. ISU tailgate party at Oscar's
- Mississippi boat ride

There's still time to get your tickets and have a chance for some of these fabulous auction items, not to mention all the great silent items, food, drinks, fun, and friends! [GET TICKETS HERE.](#)

In other Lobsterfest news, set up will start at 9 a.m. on Friday. To help, just show up!



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

- Golf package with a foursome at some of the premium area courses
- A getaway at the Kansas City Harrah's
- Doland's Jewelers' custom jewelry experience
- Five-day bow hunting trip

Meet our newest member

Tiffany Lensch joined the best darn Rotary around today. As a previous Rotarian, Tiffany knows the ropes, and she'll be a great addition to the club. Tiffany is a trust officer at American Bank and has been in the banking world for about 25 years. She has two children and lives in Bettendorf.

Welcome, Tiffany!



John Deere Classic Volunteer Sign Up

There are still open spots for our JDC gallery management assignment. The following number of folks are still needed:

Wednesday Afternoon - 5

Thursday Morning - 6

Friday Afternoon - 4

Sunday - 5

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

- **Ryan Thompson** | Returning from a trip to northern Michigan, Ryan has a refreshed attitude and a new fiancée.
- **Beth Clark** | Beth and her husband celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on a trip to Ireland.
- **Tim Lane** | After 33 years, Tim's wife, Carrie, is retiring from the North Scott School District.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker was happy to see Gary Francque at the meeting today. Gary and Decker's careers mirrored each other for a while, and Moline was fortunate to have Gary on their payroll.
- **Bill Daley** | Bill is celebrating his 60th year around the sun.
- **Bob Gallagher** | The Lobsterfest Gallagher table will not be occupied by the Gallaghers due to a scheduling conflict, so anyone interested in taking the seats should step forward.
- **Harry Coin** | Harry recognized Gary Francque for his longtime commitment to Rotary's Youth Exchange program. He has had a tremendous impact with his work.
- **Sandy Yoder** | Sandy's grandson will be graduating from the school where Tim's wife is the principal, assuming he passes his English assignment.
- **Ann Kappeler** | Joe Campion brought back a vile of sand from Normandy and gave it to Ann, as Ann's dad was involved with the historic invasion. Ann appreciated the gesture and still has the vile.



Moline's Bourbon Raffle

The Moline Rotary Club is conducting a bourbon gift basket raffle. Three baskets are available, and all of them have a nice selection of five different bottles. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25. The drawing will take place on June 15th. For more information, [click here](#).



This Week's Program

Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club

The statistics are staggering. The number of people affected by cancer continues to grow, making the Cancer Support Community (CSC) a vital resource in the community. Iowa has the 2nd highest and fastest growing rate of cancer in the nation. Over 2000 individuals will be diagnosed each year in Scott and Rock Island counties. CSC served over 1400 individuals last year, which was a 78% increase from 2023.



For those who are dealing with cancer, their needs are many, and CSC has programs to help them navigate it all. Their services include: Support Groups, Healthy Lifestyle Activities, Educational Programs, Social Events, and Resources and Referrals Navigation.

To support the work of CSC, individuals are encouraged to volunteer, donate, attend events, follow them on social media, and share information with others. For more information, [visit the CSC website.](#)



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's ***Fellowships Month*** promotes community service and engagement and focuses on the importance of leadership in the club, in the community, and throughout the world. During this month of fellowship, Rotarians should consider doing one of the following to promote the month's goals:

- Take on a leadership role in the club. Ask a current board member about their role on the board and learn how your skills could be used.
- Consider getting more involved in Lobsterfest. Join a committee to learn how to help.
- Set a goal to sit with someone you don't know very well and learn about their vocation, family, and interests.
- Volunteer for upcoming community service projects, so you can get to know other club members and help the community at the same time.

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

Rotary's impact around the world

The Haiti National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative (HANWASH) has been selected by the Rotary International Foundation as the recipient of its annual Programs of Scale Grant. Launched in 2017, HANWASH has so far operated in five of Haiti's 147 communes, aiming to deliver sustainable access to potable water nationwide. Over five years, the aim is to establish sustainable water systems – piped networks and wells in urban areas, and solar-powered pumps in rural ones. The initiative adopts a systems approach, acting as a convener that brings together stakeholders before handing over management to local authorities. Rotary International, the world's largest service organization, has a track record in such efforts.





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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