

JULY 15, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



The meeting began with.....

Greetings and Handshakes:

- All members shared a “hello” and “welcome” with each other.

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!”
- Fred Anderson - The brave people of Ukraine

Guests:

- Emmett Eikenberry, guest and son of Jake Eikenberry

Special Offering for a Moment of Silence:

- Our friend, colleague, and fellow Rotarian, Mary Macumber Schmidt entered hospice care at Clarissa Cook Hospice House. Keep Mary and her family in your thoughts as they navigate this difficult time.
Marcia will keep everyone informed when she receives more information from Mary’s husband.



COMING UP...

July 22, 2026



Ben Schwind
Education Director



The Veteran Outreach Center in Davenport is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, contact Jake Eikenberry, who is gathering a group to volunteer.

More details will follow.

Meet Our Newest Member

The newly installed Superintendent of the Pleasant Valley School District is the newest member of Bettendorf Rotary. Dr. Darin Haack spent the last 20+ years in Ankeny, Iowa and was a member of the Ankeny Rotary during some of that time. He is married and has two daughters, one at the University of Iowa and other at Iowa State.

Welcome to the best Rotary club around, Darin!

President Marcia Erickson and new member Darin Haack

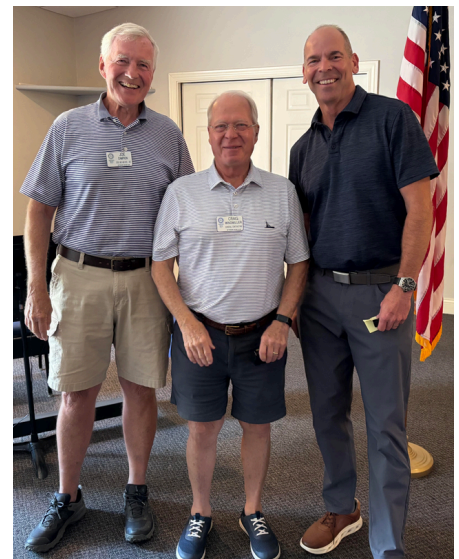


Paul Harris Recognitions

Three Rotarians received recognition for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation, which supports humanitarian efforts of peace, education, and health initiatives throughout the world. Joe Champion reached the first level of \$1000, Craig Windmiller reached the second level of \$2000, and Kevin Koellner reached the third level of \$3000.

Your generosity has benefited many projects and people.

From left: Joe Champion, Craig Windmiller, and Kevin Koellner



Rotarian of the Quarter

Everyone knows that it takes many people to make Lobsterfest a success, but some people rise above the crowd and put in an extra effort. Mike Simons is one of those people. He supports the event by sharing his time, his resources, his equipment and even his golf carts. He's involved in set up, tear down, and everything in between.

Thanks for all you do, not only at Lobsterfest, but with other projects as well.

Mike Simons and President Nominee Jake Eikenberry



Happy Bucks

- **Ann Kappeler** | Ann got to watch her grandson play baseball in a championship game at the Field of Dreams, where he hit a grand slam into the cornfield.
- **Pat Engelhaupt** | Pat was proud to report his oldest granddaughter won a softball tournament in Kentucky.
- **Beth Clark** | Beth was happy to see her old friend Mark Ross at the meeting.
- **Frank Mitvalsky** | Celebrating his 54th birthday on Friday, Frank was happy about that, as well as a great father-son kayaking trip he recently took on the Wisconsin River.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker was happy that there are cameras throughout the city, in parks, and on the bridge, to catch “knuckleheads” in the act of vandalism and other nefarious activity.
- **Eric Reinsch** | Big Brother Big Sisters has a new CEO, and their Over the Edge fundraiser is coming up in August.
- **Jake Eikenberry** | Jake’s son, Emmett just finished his baseball season with a third place finish at state. Emmett led the team with the most doubles and RBI’s.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny is happy but would be even happier if everyone attended the ribboncutting ceremony at Pebble Creek Golf Course and Ike’s Bar and Grill on Friday at 4 p.m.
- **Marcia Erickson** | Marcia is happy to be growing business relationships through the club and received a couple of new referrals from a fellow Rotarian.



Don't Just Sit There, Get Involved!

One of President Marcia’s areas of focus this year is to organize committees, which gets everyone involved in the things they are most interested in, and it lightens the load for all. Rotarians are asked to sign up for their area of interest from one (or more!) of the following committees: Community Service, Club Service, International Committee, Vocational Committee, The Rotary Foundation, Lobsterfest Committee, Grants Committee, and/or Membership Committee.

Contact Marcia with your interest or for more information about each committee.



This Week's Program

Courtney Lyon, Ballet Quad Cities

Ballet Quad Cities has made an impact on the area over the 30 years it has been in existence. Not only is it the longest running ballet company in a 200-mile radius, their annual economic impact is estimated to be over \$2 million.

While they are probably best known for their *Nutcracker* performances, Ballet Quad Cities engages over 65,000 people annually through performances and community engagement programs. Through their 29 different community partners, they reach people of all ages through schools, the Figge Art Museum, the symphony, senior centers, and other organizations.

During their upcoming season, they have events scheduled, including *Ballet on the Lawn* on September 13th, *The Scarlet Letter* on October 23rd and 24th, *The Nutcracker* on December 12th and 13th, *Billy the Kid* on February 20th and 21st, and *Alice in Wonderland* on April 24th and 25th.

Find out more at balletquadcities.com.



Rotarians Helping Around the World

Two powerful earthquakes struck northern Venezuela in June, causing widespread devastation across affected communities. **More than 1,700 people have been killed and over 5,000 injured.**

Search and rescue efforts are ongoing as emergency responders work to reach survivors and assess the extent of the damage. Tens of thousands of people are expected to need emergency shelter and essential household items, and many families may require longer-term support as recovery begins.



Rotaries in Venezuela are carrying out rapid needs assessments to understand what communities need. Rotary members in Venezuela are offering local logistics information, including entry permissions, airport status and coordination. They are also offering advice on potential ways to get emergency aid items into the country and advising on warehousing options. They are actively delivering donations, assisting families, and providing support in hospitals and other emergency response locations.

Rotaries are working with Shelter Box USA to help address this tragedy and assist the many people impacted. To find out how you can help, visit shelterboxusa.org.

Happy Birthday

2nd

Larry O'Brien

14th

John DeDoncker

20th

Bob S. Gallagher

10th

Monica Kruse

17th

Frank Mitvalsky

30th

Chad Nichols
Michelle Rowe

11th

Pat Engelhaupt



Happy BRC Anniversary

32 Years

Ken Vandersnick

6 Years

Eric Reinsch
Michelle Morse

4 Years

Jake Eikenberry

11 Years

Joe Pacha
Gary Mohr

Five Years

Brock Biggerstaff
Mike Vondran

3 Years

Deb Mueller

1 Year

Sean Vogler





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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