



TOGETHER, WE

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JULY 16, 2025

The meeting began with....

Call to Order:

- President Penny McGimpsey called the meeting to order.

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:

- Bob Gallagher Jr, standing in for SK Nanda - "Our Troops!"
- Jean Dickson - For Steve Havercamp, who was a much loved local attorney, and who passed away last week
- Gabe Wells - For Gabe's 15-year-old nephew whose trial treatment for cancer has been discontinued, making it unlikely that he will make it to see Christmas this year
- Mike Simons - Member Larry Thein's mother died

Guests:

- Mark Carlson, guest of Mike Simons, as well as the rest of the club
- Jennifer Carter, potential member and guest of Gwen Tombergs
- Ken Lane, soon to be removed from the guest list and transferred to the member list!

COMING UP...

July 23, 2025



Brian Baxter
Executive Director
Quad City Symphony
Orchestra



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Meet Our Newest Members



BRC welcomed two new members to our fabulous club, Sean Vogler (left in photo) and Raymond Brauer.

Sean operates the “Olde Town” businesses in the area, including roofing, heating and air, property management, etc. He lives “just down the street” with his longtime girlfriend and is particularly proud of his daughter who is the #1 golfer at the University of Iowa.

Raymond started in his new role as Scout Executive for the Illowa Council/Scouting America on July 1, but he is a Rotary veteran. He most recently was a member of the Mankato, Minnesota club, but BRC will be his 8th club in 5 states.

WELCOME

Announcements

- **Annual Golf Outing** | The date is set for Wednesday, September 3rd at Palmer Hills. Hole sponsorships are \$125, and the golf fee is \$80 per person. To get a shotgun start, 30+ teams are needed, so invite others to join the fun. Contact Maria Osterberg for more information at 319-721-1806 or [email her](#).
- **Red Badge Meeting** | For new members or for those who have been around a while and just haven't had a chance to attend yet, a Red Badge meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at 5 p.m. A location is TBD, but save the date now.
- **World Polio Day** | Rotary recognizes World Polio Day on October 24th. Plans are being made to have a “Pints for Polio” gathering to raise money for the cause. Stay tuned and keep that date free for now.



Happiness

Happy Bucks

- Gabe Wells | Fortress Bank is having their 2nd Business Bootcamp in August. Anyone interested can contact Gabe for more information.

This Week's Program

Jeff Kazinski, General Contractors, Inc., Triathlete, Retired Navy Seabee, and Eagle Scout

The incredibly popular ice rink and water park in Bettendorf took two years to build, and Jeff Kazinski was there for all of it. In April 2023, the demolition started by removing the existing parking lot, pool, and everything else in the space. In December 2024, the ice rink opened, and now all aspects of the entertainment area are in full swing.

Lines form early to ensure entrance into the pool during these hot summer months. Whether patrons enjoy the slides, ropes, the aqua play area, lap swims, or the lazy river, there's something for everyone.

The nearly \$24 million project was funded by the City of Bettendorf (without a referendum), the YMCA of the Mississippi Valley and philanthropic entities, including the casino development authorities and the Bechtel Trust.



Supporting Rotary Foundation Helps Around the World



The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 as an endowment fund for Rotary “to do good in the world.” It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri to more than \$4.4 billion dollars in total contributions.

The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to “do good in the world” in the name of Rotary. Sixty-eight years later, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.



2nd

Larry O'Brien

10th

Monica Kruse

11th

Pat Engelhaupt

14th

John DeDoncker

17th

Frank Mitvalsky

20th

Bob Gallagher, Jr.

30th

Michelle Rowe



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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