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Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

JULY 2, 2025

ICYMI (in case you missed it)...

Call to Order:

- The group enjoyed (aka. suffered through) the final joke of President Mike's reign before he passed the gavel.

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 people of Ukraine
- Mike Simons - For Mike's cousin who is dying from cancer and will likely pass soon

Guests:

- Kameron Williams, guest of Bryce Bowers
- Ken Lane, guest of Amy Vollmer
- Ray Brauer, checking out our club for possible membership
- Guy Scaife, guest of Ann Kappeler and also checking out our club
- Emmett Eikenberry, guest and son of Jake Eikenberry
- Kate Terrell, guest of Ann Kappeler and wonderful Lobsterfest supporter
- Kelly Rathje, Mark Rathje, Terry Rathje, and Bill McGimpsey, all guests of Penny McGimpsey, attending to support their favorite Rotary President relative

COMING UP...

July 9, 2025

Anthony Long
From



Creating joyful spaces
for the well-being of
those with a serious
health diagnosis



Mike Ingleby was presented with a plaque in honor of his presidential year from new president Penny McGimpsey.

Our New President

Starting off her presidential year with lots of support from family and fellow Rotarians, Penny McGimpsey presided over her first meeting.

Taking the gavel from Mike Ingleby, Penny expressed her deep love for Bettendorf Rotary. She is excited for her year and the great things that lie ahead. Penny also introduced the current board of directors (see the last page for the board and their positions) and encouraged anyone who is interested to step forward to fill one of the two open positions-- International Chair and Vocational Chair.

This year's Rotary theme is: Unite for Good. Penny hopes to put that motto into action.



Our Newest Member

Olivia Warren was inducted as the latest BRC member. Although Olivia has already been through the Red Badge fireside chat, has attended many weekly meetings, and helped on the Lobsterfest auction committee, she is now official.

Welcome Olivia!

Many Rotarians have invited guests recently who are interested in joining our great club.

Keep those invitations coming, Rotarians!



Announcements

- The Bettendorf Rotary **Annual Golf Outing** is set for Wednesday, September 3rd at Palmer Hills. More information will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now. In order to get the much preferred shotgun start, there needs to be lots of foursomes register. So, start forming them now!
- Earlier this week, you should have received an email from treasurer Jeff Hassel regarding **dues payments**. One question that has been asked is, “Will we be billed monthly now or will it remain quarterly?” The answer is, the automated payment option will prompt payments for each quarterly invoice. If you have questions regarding dues payments, please contact Jeff at hassel14@gmail.com.



Happy Bucks



- Larry Thein | Larry is happy to be back after missing meetings due to work demands. He is also happy to report that his son is playing baseball with the Clinton Lumber Kings this summer and is performing very well.
- Frank Mitvalsky | Frank will be celebrating his 53rd birthday this month and will soon be heading north for his 70th annual canoeing and camping trip. (Someone needs to do the math on this.)
- Joe Campion | Joe is happy that Penny is now the BRC president, because she will help every member feel wanted, welcomed, and needed.
- Sandy Yoder | Sandy's grandson achieved second in state for mountain biking, representing North Scott's junior varsity.
- Jake Eikenberry | Jake's son has been chosen for an all star baseball team.
- Penny McGimpsey | Penny was happy and grateful for her family and friends who were in attendance to support her on her first day as the new BRC president.

This Week's Program

Melissa Mohr, Figge Art Museum Executive Director and CEO

The Figge is celebrating 100 years in this community in 2025, as well as celebrating 20 years in the current building. Although it has gone by different names and been in several locations, the Figge Art Museum is a staple in the community and an amenity for which all Quad Citizens can be proud.

The Figge boasts:

- Over 85,500 of total museum attendance,
- Over 18,000 students served through the Big Picture Outreach Program,
- 161 free public programs,
- 109 community partners,
- 21 exhibitions on view, and
- Nearly 45,000 people enriched by art education programs.

To ensure the museum's admission is not a barrier to experience what it has to offer, there are several times when admission is free.

- Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m.
- The 2nd Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The whole month of July

Learn more about the Figge at figgeartmuseum.org.



Rotary Foundation Doing Good Around the World

A Rotary Foundation grant will have a tremendous impact to build and sustain peace in Colombia. The program will strengthen conflict-resolution capacity, expand access to economic opportunities, and expand access to social service programs in conflict-affected areas, with the long-term goal of breaking the cycle of violence, poverty, and food insecurity and to achieve sustained peace. The World Food Program USA will contribute \$1 million to the initiative, and Rotary is contributing \$2 million.

“Colombia is a country of astonishing beauty and courage, where the road to peace has been long, painful, and unfinished,” said Rotary People of Action honoree María Cristina Cifuentes. “In Colombia, we know that peace requires working with communities to co-create lasting solutions. And we also know that Positive Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of equity, justice, trust, and opportunity.”





2nd

Larry O'Brien

10th

Monica Kruse

11th

Pat Engelhaupt

14th

John DeDoncker

17th

Frank Mitvalsky

20th

Bob Gallagher, Jr.

21st

David Chambers

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