

JULY 22, 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!”
- Ray Brauer - Will Moon, owner of I-80 truck stop and a board member for the scouts, died last week.
- Decker Ploehn - Please keep Mary Macumber Schmidt and her family in your thoughts. Mary was our friend, colleague and fellow Rotarian. Mary’s visitation is today from 3 to 7 p.m., and the funeral is tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Both the visitation and funeral are at St. John Vianney Church in Bettendorf.
[Click here to view Mary’s obituary.](#)

Guests:

- Lauren Schenck, guest of Penny McGimpsey
- Brian Irby, guest of Penny McGimpsey
- Ted Maloney, guest of Deb Mueller

COMING UP...

July 29, 2026



Peter Tokar
President/CEO



Rotary **Join us for the "fair-way" test!**
Club of Bettendorf



Golf Outing- September 9th

The shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. All we have to do is get 36 teams, so bring your friends, guests, and potential members to the BRC golf outing. Golf is \$80/golfer. Non-golfing Rotarians can come for the meal at no cost, but they can also bring a guest for a mere \$15. Get on the links with these handy links:

- To register for golf, [CLICK HERE](#).
- To pay for individual golfers, [CLICK HERE](#).
- To pay for a foursome, [CLICK HERE](#).
- To support the event with a hole sponsorship, [CLICK HERE](#).
- If a guest would like to join the fun for a meal without golf, [CLICK HERE](#).

Contact [Maria Osterberg](#) or [Penny McGimpsey](#) with any questions.

Open Board Positions

The board is looking for some folks to step forward and fill open board positions. A slate of the board will be presented at an upcoming meeting, so contact any current board member by next Wednesday, July 29, if you are interested. Contact information for board members can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed on August 14th and 15th for Floatzilla. Rotarians will help with participants' packet pick up and registration. You can choose to volunteer on Friday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at Credit Island Lodge in Davenport or on Saturday from 7 to 9 a.m. at Empire Park in Hampton.

Please sign up before August 6th to give the RiverAction folks time to plan.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO HELP.](#)

Questions can be directed to Beth Clark bethcolbyclark@gmail.com



Happy Bucks

- **Ray Brauer** | On their way to West Virginia, 60 people will attend the National Scout Jamboree. Among those 60 is Bettendorf Rotarian and our scouting liaison, Deb Boland.
- **Tom Olson** | After 42 years of a full-"filling" career, Dr. Tom is hanging up his drill. A new dentist with all the latest gadgets will take over his practice. Though Ron Crist got hauled into this announcement, he really had little to do with Tom's re-"tire"-ment plans.
- **Gary Mohr** | Gary and his wife will soon be grandparents for the 15th time. Joining 12 grandsons and 2 granddaughters, another granddaughter is on the way. Gary is happy that his son's and their families all live in Iowa.
- **Bob Gallagher** | Bob celebrated his 57th trip around this sun this week.
- **Gabe Wells** | After missing a few meetings, Gabe is happy to be back. He has returned from a family vacation to Washington DC, which he encourages everyone to do sometime.



Have you provided your input yet?

At the Club meeting on July 8th, 2026, those in attendance had the opportunity to brainstorm with other members around four questions. If you were not in attendance, please take a few minutes and share your thoughts by clicking the link below.

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LET YOUR
VOICE
BE HEARD
NOW!

This Week's Program

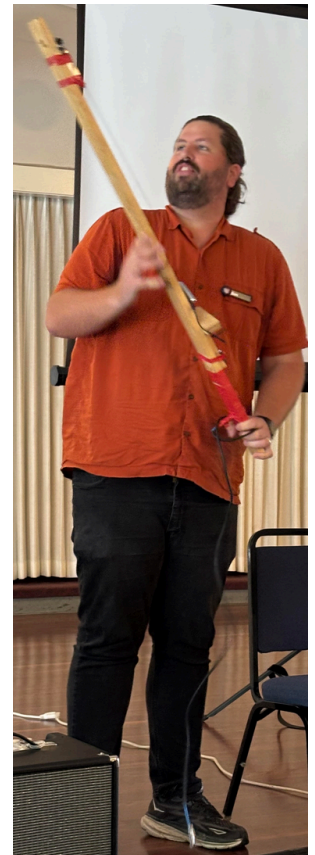
Ben Schwind, Education Director

Common Chord, formerly known as River Music Experience, is all about the music. Their programming ranges from educational opportunities to organizing concerts to doing band camps to providing kids with used instruments. As part of the Quad Cities Cultural Trust, they understand the importance of bringing music to audiences of all kinds.

Common Chord recognizes that musical preferences vary greatly, so they try to diversify genres as much as possible when arranging for live performances. Those live performers will have a new space for their acts when the Redstone Room moves from its current location to the first floor, where several restaurants have been located in the past.

Common Chord's goals are to use music as a connection, to provide access to music, support local talent, and to advocate for the power of music.

Learn more at commonchordqc.org.



Ben Schwind demonstrates a diddley bow.



Support The Rotary Foundation in their efforts. Contact our [Foundation Chair, SK Nanda](#) for more information or visit [The Rotary Foundation website](#).

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and at least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, The Rotary Foundation grants provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained healthcare providers.

More than 80 percent of maternal deaths can be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. Rotarians provide education, immunizations, birthing kits, and mobile health clinics to support these causes. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

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