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Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

**JULY 23, 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:

- SK Nanda - "Our Troops!"
- Olivia Warren - The passing of Ozzy Osbourne

Guest:

- Kay Howard, guest and wife of Tom Howard



### ***Sprint the Miss Regatta, Y Quad Cities Rowing Club***

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Morning, afternoon, or all day volunteer shifts available

Volunteers are needed for parking, traffic control, clean up, and other tasks to make the event run smooth.

For more information: [kcollins@twin-shores.com](mailto:kcollins@twin-shores.com)

### ***Putt For Kids, My Happy Place Fundraiser***

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, shotgun start at 3 p.m.

The Forge at Palmer Hills Golf Course

Sign up your threesome and raise funds for a great cause.

For more information: Anthony Long, [anthony@american-greens.com](mailto:anthony@american-greens.com)

## **COMING UP...**

*July 30, 2025*



Rob Wolfe  
of  
American Pickers

RUST BELT AMERICANA  
Antique Swap & Auction

PRESENTED BY ROB  
WOLFE FROM  
AMERICAN PICKERS

August 7-10, 2025  
East Moline, IL

## Meet Our Newest Members



BRC inducted two new members this week to join the 1.4 million Rotarians around the world (down from 1.5 million last week, as quoted by stand-in inductor, Bob Gallagher, Jr.). Welcome!

**Angie Kendall** is the mother of 2 sons attending PV schools. She is the CEO of Hand in Hand, who was the grateful recipient of this year's Fund-a-Cause donations. She is happy to be joining the club with so many familiar faces.

**Guy Scaife** has been a Rotarian previously and is glad to be getting back into it. He grew up in rural Alabama and attended the University of Alabama. After spending 31 years in the telecommunications industry, he finished his career in city management. Guy and his wife moved to the Quad Cities to be close to his only grandchild, and they have come to love Bettendorf.

## Announcements

- **Annual Golf Outing** | The date is set for Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Swirl, 4832 Forest Grove Road, Bettendorf.
- **Scott County Little League Softball** | This group lost \$10,000 worth of equipment in last week's flood. The Rotary Club of Davenport has pledged \$2000 to help them purchase new equipment, so they can start their season on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Davenport is challenging BRC to match or surpass their pledge. Decker will have more information next week as to how individuals can contribute. In the meantime, all Happy Bucks will be directed toward this project.





## Happy Bucks

- **Joe Campion** | Joe had coast to coast happiness, from visiting his 94-year-old mother for four days on the east coast to celebrating his 2 sons climbing Mount Rainier on the west side of the country.
- **Brian Strusz** | Next week is RYLA. Brian is thankful for all the work Patt Englander and Pat Engelhaupt put into RYLA, and he is happy that four Pleasant Valley students will be attending this year, thanks to the support of a BRC sponsorship.
- **Mike Ingleby** | Devils Glen Road is almost done and the city has done an amazing job (not \$20 worth amazing, but amazing nonetheless) keeping the traffic flowing.
- **Bob Gallagher Jr.** | Bob turned 56 years old, so he rounded up his Happy Bucks check. He celebrated his birthday last week by spending time with his granddaughter in Charlotte.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker was able to catch up on some sleep, thanks to the quiet he enjoyed with the Mayor being out of town.
- **Dr. Tom Olson** | Dr. Tom thought Decker was the best “pitch” man for the softball fundraising project.
- **Olivia Warren** | Olivia gave a shout out to the “too-modest-to-mention-myself” Jake Eikenberry for his inclusion in this year’s Forty under 40 recognition, which honors young professionals who are making a difference in the community. Congratulations, Jake!
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny’s favorite radio station, WQUD-FM 107.7 Vintage Radio, will be doing a live remote at this year’s Riverfront Pop’s Concert.



## *This Week's Program*

### *Brian Baxter, Executive Director*

While probably best known for the Riverfront Pops Concert, the Quad City Symphony Orchestra has 30 other concerts each year. Less well known are the many educational programs offered. Through school programs, extracurricular programs, and community programs, the QCSO reaches students throughout the area and beyond.

Symphony Day is a particularly popular event. Targeted for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Symphony Day involved nearly 7000 students this year, breaking a record. Every public school in the area participated.

The main orchestra consists of 86 musicians. About 20% are from the Quad Cities, while most of the remaining musicians are from the midwest. The Quad Cities is fortunate to have such a highly-skilled orchestra.

For more information about QCSO, visit [qcsso.org](http://qcsso.org).



## *Rotary Foundation Helps Change the World*



Much of the world's population, especially in poor countries, is made up of children and young people. To achieve a peaceful world, it is crucial that the rights of children and young people be respected. Injustices perpetrated against children contribute to the spread of conflicts to future generations.

A 14-year-old student named Malala was shot in 2012 by the Pakistan Taliban for her advocacy for student education. Malala Yousafzai received a Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 "for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education." In her writings and her speeches, Malala's message was: **"Let's pick up our books and our pens; They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world."**

The Rotary Foundation supports these efforts.



**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