

JULY 29, 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 - American Democracy
- Tom Olson - Local philanthropist and civic leader, Jill McLaughlin died last week.

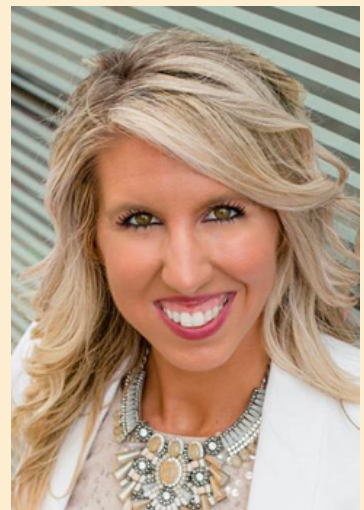
Open Board Seats

President Marcia will be presenting a slate of board members to the club next week. Some positions are open, and several club members have already stepped forward. However, if anyone is still interested in filling one of the open seats, contact Marcia soon to express your interest.



COMING UP...

August 5, 2026



Mallory Merritt
Chief Financial Officer



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



Golf Outing- September 9th

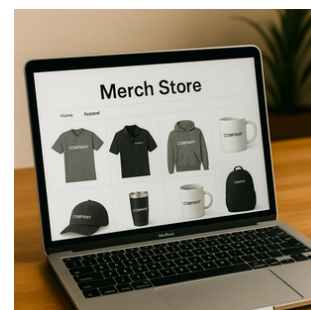
The shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. All we have to do is get 36 teams, so bring your friends, guests, and potential members to the BRC golf outing. Golf is \$80/golfer. Non-golfing Rotarians can come for the meal at no cost, but they can also bring a guest for a mere \$15. Get on the links with these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

Merch Store

Want a new BRC golf shirt for September's outing? You'll probably want a new hat too. How about a new BRC t-shirt when you volunteer at Floatzilla? Marcia is currently working with Empowering Abilities' screenprint department to get a BRC merch store up and running. Stay tuned for more information in the next couple of weeks.



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

- **Pat Engelhaupt** | On behalf of Patt (who is currently at RYLA), Pat reported that Patt's great niece was the first place finisher for high school girls at the Bix.
- **Dick Hanzelka** | Dick's grandson was the 24th place overall finisher at the Bix. Dick was also happy to be back after attending a wedding and spending 2 days in the Pittsburgh airport on the way home.
- **John Gnatovich** | John was happy to see Mayor Bob's mug on the cover of a magazine. He also had multiple moments of happiness while visiting Park City, Utah where he celebrated the 80th birthday of a friend, avoided a car rental issue, and met a daredevil skier.
- **Bill Daley** | Bill is happy to be welcoming grandbodies #12 and #13.
- **John DeDoncker** | John celebrated his birthday earlier this month, but what he was really happy about was his recent albatross scored at Davenport Country Club. For you nongolfers, that's 3 under par. To mark the rare achievement, John was "treated" to buying everyone drinks after his round.
- **Lee Marbach** | Lee's daughter is attending Rock Camp this week at Common Chord and he'll enjoy hearing the results of her music learning at the end of the week.
- **Marcia Erickson** | Marcia saw the Indiana Fever play in Indianapolis, had her picture taken with one of the players, and scored free tickets to a second game.



Step Into the Spotlight

If anyone is interesting in representing the club in the Dancing with the Stars QC charity event, sashay forward. Participants have the opportunity to raise money for the club while having fun on the dance floor. Contact Marcia for more information.



This Week's Program

Amy Creen, President



In 1987, a Port Byron resident visited a small town with a tugging event and an idea was born. That was the start of the bistate event that will take place this year on August 13th through 15th.

While LeClaire has their own planning committee and separate weekend agenda, Port Byron fills the three-day festival with fun for the whole family.

Thursday kicks off with carnival rides, crafters, live music, and food trucks. Friday has all that and also a fireworks display to wrap up the night. Saturday is the day for competition, with 3-on-3 basketball, arm wrestling, sweet corn eating, and of course, tugging.

Eleven teams will compete in the tug fest. Judges from both sides of the river determine the winners by measuring how far the rope moves from its starting position. Taking the competition very seriously, the Illinois teams practice two times a week starting in June. They are the reigning champions.

Learn more at tugfest.org.



Support The Rotary Foundation in their efforts to help women and children around the world. Contact our [Foundation Chair, SK Nanda](#) for more information or visit [The Rotary Foundation website](#).

For more than 25 years, the Perrysburg, Ohio Rotary Club has helped change the lives of vulnerable young women in Romania through their support of the Deborah House in Timișoara, Romania. Working with Rotary International and Rotary District 6600, they have contributed more than \$300,000 to provide safe housing, education, counseling, and hope for girls rescued from abuse and the threat of human trafficking. Perrysburg Rotary became involved in 2001 after a club member witnessed the lasting effects of Romania's communist era, when thousands of abandoned children were left to live their lives on and under the streets or in institutional orphanages, where they were vulnerable to human traffickers and other personal hazards. Since then, the club has worked with two Romanian Rotary Clubs and helped fund different Rotary International grants that have strengthened the Deborah House's mission.

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