



The meeting began with....



Greeting Rotarians today with smiles and cookies were folks from Hand in Hand's People with a Purpose program. They were at the meeting to thank the club for the generous support received from the fund-a-cause effort at Lobsterfest this year. New BRC member Angie Kendall, CEO of Hand in Hand (far left in photo), spoke on behalf of the group.

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 valiant people of Ukraine

COMING UP...

August 6, 2025



Dave Heller
CEO
Main Street Baseball

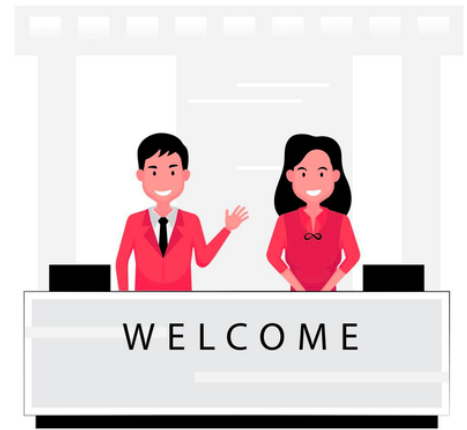


Guests:

- Sandra Sundhousen | Guest of Penny McGimpsey and generous donor to the Lobsterfest auction with tickets to the ZZ Top concert, along with a signed guitar
- Kelsey Walter | Guest of Deb Mueller
- Dave Bender | Guest of Joe Campion
- Ken Lane | Has submitted his application for membership!

Announcements

- **Membership Committee** | A new committee is being formed to focus on recruiting and retaining members. Anyone who is interested in joining this committee should email bettendorfrotary@gmail.com.
- **Rotary Night at the Ballpark** | Meet fellow Rotarians at Modern Woodmen Park on August 9th at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and you'll receive a \$10 Bandit Card for refreshments, rides, or merch. If you are interested in attending, contact bettendorfrotary@gmail.com.
- **Annual Golf Outing** | Registration is open for the BRC golf outing on Wednesday, September 3rd at Palmer Hills. Hole sponsorships are \$125, and the golf fee is \$80 per person. QR Codes to the right will take you to where you need to go. Use the top one for registering your foursome or use the bottom one if you are only attending dinner and bringing a guest. Contact Maria Osterberg for more information at 319-721-1806 or [email her](mailto:email).
- **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. at Swirl, 4832 Forest Grove Road, Bettendorf. **If you are a new member, please contact bettendorfrotary@gmail.com to indicate your attendance at this meeting.**



QR Code for golf registration



QR Code for guest dinner
(only needed if the guest is
not golfing)

Happy Bucks

- **Scott County Little League Softball** | After learning that this group lost \$10,000 worth of equipment in the recent flood, BRC decided to direct Happy Bucks to help them replace the equipment, making it possible for them to participate in their upcoming season. The Rotary Club of Davenport threw down the gauntlet and challenged our club to beat their \$2000 pledge. Never to be outdone by our crosstown rivals, Joe Champion passed his Phillies hat (which no one really appreciated besides Joe) and Decker rallied the troops. Not surprisingly, the club responded to the need with open hearts and wallets.

Between last week's Happy Bucks and this week's generous giving, at total of \$2312 was raised. The board has decided to direct at least \$1000 toward this effort, so let's just say, we "hit it out of the park!"

- **Frank Mitvalsky** | Frank will be unable to attend the next few meetings due to travel and sending his children off to school. He and his wife will be experiencing an "empty nest" for the first time.
- **Shelly Wells-Cain** | Shelly's daughter completed her second Ironman event, and Shelly is working on becoming an ultra runner. She just completed a 25K.
- **Dick Hanzelka** | Dick's grandson had a great Bix 7 run last Saturday and finished high in his age group.
- **Mike Simons** | Mark Carlson has returned to employment at Blaze Restoration.
- **Gwen Tombergs** | Gwen gave a shout out to fellow Rotarian Tim Lane for a referral; someone she was able to assist in several ways.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny was happy to participate in her 26th Bix 7. She ran the course early and was enjoying beverages with friends before the actual race began.



This Week's Program

Rob Wolfe

Rob Wolfe is committed to giving back to the community and that is the motivation behind the upcoming event ***Rust Belt Americana***. Antique treasures of every kind will be available for viewing, and of course, purchasing. Over 450 antique dealers from 42 states will display their wares.

Proceeds from the antique show fund scholarships that support students and teachers in achieving their educational, artistic, or trade goals. Rob's goal is to raise \$1 million in order to endow the scholarships and continue helping students and teachers long after he is no longer available to do it.



RUST BELT AMERICANA
Antique Swap & Auction
PRESENTED BY ROB WOLFE FROM AMERICAN PICKERS
August 7-10, 2025 | The Bend XPO
East Moline, IL

A War Came Into Their Homes



Ukrainian children get a chance to be kids again at a Rotary-funded camp.

Thousands have died and millions have been displaced by the fighting between Russia and the Ukraine. Growing up in the shadow of that conflict, many children don't remember a life without war, but Rotary members are giving these children a chance to heal.

The Well-Being for Ukrainian Kids project is held in Poland and includes traditional camp activities along with support from mental health professionals.

The number of Polish Rotary clubs supporting the project is 83, and support has also come from clubs in Sweden and Slovakia.

"We continue this program because we know how these children react, how they change, how they become more open to the world, and how they look at the world the way it should be for a child," says a Polish Rotarian. "War takes from them their childhood. And they still have their children's dreams."

Happy Birthday

july

30th

Michelle Rowe

August

4th

Steve Sorensen

8th

Dick Hanzelka

9th

Penny McGimpsey

12th

Jerry Felsing

14th

Sandy Yoder

29th

Mary Macumber-Schmidt



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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