

JULY 8, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



**Service
Above
Self**



The meeting began with.....

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 brave people of Ukraine

Guests:

- John Welling, guest of John Rabine
- Tinley Osterberg, guest and daughter of Maria Osterberg

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians" song was sung for all those celebrating July birthdays. See the complete list of birthdays and anniversaries later in this newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Blue Flight is like the Honor Flight, except for first responders. Their first flight is September 9, 2026. Volunteers are needed for Saturday August 29th from 8 to 11 a.m. for flight orientation and Wednesday 09/09/26 from 4:30 to 6:30 a.m. for sendoff at the Moline Airport, as well as at 8:30 p.m. for the reception after landing.

Contact Greg Keller at qcblueflight@gmail.com for more information.



COMING UP...

July 15, 2026



Joedy Cook and
Courtney Lyon

*We now have
Venmo!*

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Scenes from BRC at the JDC

Both President Marcia and Hole Captain Jeff Hassel thanked everyone who volunteered at Hole #1 last week. Many Rotarians took their turn throughout the five days of play. There were some weather challenging days, but we still showed up!



JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC



Top row left: Not even soaring temperatures could mess Kenny Vandersnick's hair on pro-am day.

Top row right: Pat and Pat helped manage the gallery.

Middle row left: Rotarians Joe Campion and Mike Simons shared the golf fun with others.

Middle row right: Penny McGimpsey got instructions from Wednesday's hole captain Juli Sundholm.

Bottom: Troy Gutknecht played with the pros on Wednesday.

Happy Bucks

- **Pat Engelhaupt** | Celebrating a July birthday, Pat was happy-ish to throw in a check for \$1 more than last year.
- **Ann Kappeler** | Ann enjoyed the 4th of July with her granddaughter at the Savannah Bananas' game, played at Kinnick Stadium.
- **Kenny Vandersnick** | Kenny is happy to be part of the best Rotary club around for over 30 years.
- **Decker Ploehn** | One-half of Decker's bucks went to a shout out to Jeff Hassel for captaining hole #1 at the JDC for either 25, or perhaps 15 years. The other ½ went to Harry Coin for organizing the 4th of July parade line up.



Lobsterfest Thank Yous

Ann (I'm stepping down for real this time) Kappeler thanked the many Rotarians who made Lobsterfest a big success. Among those who played a key role were:

- The sponsorship committee of Maria Osterberg, Marcia Erickson, Penny McGimpsey, and Eric Reinsch who secured some new sponsors, as well as the loyal annual supporters.
- PT Boeye and his silent auction committee helped raise over \$20,000 with their efforts.
- Gwen Tombergs and Troy Gutknecht secured some awesome live auction items.
- Beth Clark took charge of all media, marketing, and print materials.
- Brock Biggerstaff organized the check-in process with the help of 10 tech savvy PV students.
- Sharon Sarver managed all the event logistics with the venue.
- Joe Champion donated several beautifully handcrafted wood projects, as well as an additional salmon item.
- Mike Simons hauled, carried, donated, purchased, and did a whole bunch of things to help the cause.
- Ray Brauer and Deb Boland organized the raffle and the scouts, who helped in multiple ways.
- Carol Foster was in charge of ticket sales.
- Mike Vondran and his team made sure the sponsors got their videos completed.
- Decker Ploehn made the auction fun, fruitful, and a little profane.



Decker asked for at least 7 Rotarians to chip in \$100 each, so the donation to Family Resources could reach \$30K. Without hesitation, 7 people immediately stepped up.

Lobsterfest committees are well established, but someone is needed to serve as the point person who would set meetings, agendas, and keep things on track. Ann has offered to help guide her successor.

This Week's Program--BRC Financial Review

Treasurer Jeff Hassel reviewed this year's budget and other financial matters. Here are the highlights:

- The budget is separated into two large categories--operations and projects.
- Operations includes dues, which is the largest revenue source. This year's budget is based on 110 members.
- Due to increased costs and an unbalanced budget, dues will need to be increased by \$25 per quarter starting in October. Club dues will be \$200, with an additional \$25 for Paul Harris, bringing the total to \$225 per quarter.
- Dues have not been increased for at least 25 years.
- Expenses include meal costs, which is about \$29,000/year and international dues, which is about \$14,000/year.
- Other operational expenses are the international convention, the club Christmas party, the grant awards luncheon, and the secretary and treasurer salaries.
- For the last couple of years, funds from fundraising activities have been needed to balance the budget. In order to honor our "every dollar raised goes to help the community" pledge, this cannot continue.
- The club has a club bank account and also has a foundation account. The foundation is held at the Quad Cities Community Foundation, as well as an account at TBK Bank. Earnings from the foundation accounts are used to fund scholarships.



Anyone who would like more information about the club's financial situation can contact Jeff Hassel at hassel14@gmail.com or ask any board member.

Club Survey

In order to obtain the membership's insight and chart the year's course, President Marcia posed the following questions for table discussion:

- What should we never change?
- If someone joined Rotary today, what could we do that would make them excited to stay for years?
- What is 1 thing we could improve over the next 12 months that would have the biggest positive impact on our club?
- What talent, relationship, or idea do you have that you would be willing to contribute this year?

The survey will be sent out, so members who were not in attendance can offer their input.



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