

AUGUST 5, 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 - the people of Ukraine

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” was sung for those celebrating August birthdays.
- See the list of birthdays and club membership anniversaries later in this newsletter.
- There are a couple significant club anniversaries to note, including Tom Howard who has been with the club for 60 years. Thanks, Tom, for all you’ve done in those years and for keeping the music alive.



COMING UP...

August 12, 2026



Megan Brown-Saldana
Regional Director of
External Affairs



Board of Directors' Slate

A full slate of chairs was presented to the club for a vote. Those on the presidential track are: Marcia Erickson, current **President**; Brock Biggerstaff, **President Elect**; and Jake Eikenberry, **President Nominee/Club Service Chair**.

Those who are seeking a one-year term with the possibility of renewal are:

Foundation Chair--SK Nanda

At Large (3 available)--Ann Kappeler and Joe Campion (currently on the board) and Joe Pacha and Deb Mueller (seeking election for the first time)

Community Service--Kurt Lokenvitz and Deb Mueller

Youth Chair--Pat Englander

Vocational Chair--Jerry Higgs

International Chair--Tiffany Lensch

Members who were not at the meeting today but would like to cast a vote may contact President Marcia.



Golf Outing-September 9th

The shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. if 36 teams register to play. 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. Use these 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.

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 **ASAP** 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

- **Dick Hanzelka** | Being the clever man that he is, Dick has both his birthday and anniversary on the same day. He will be celebrating his 87th birthday and his 62nd wedding anniversary on Saturday.
- **Pat Englander** | Pat spent a great, albeit hot, week at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). She is happy the club sponsored 4 students to attend, and those students will present to the club at some point to share their experience.
- **Shelly Wells-Cain** | Shelly was happy to congratulate the Girl Scouts' CEO, Diane Nelson, on her retirement after being at the helm for 24 years. Shelly is also excited to welcome Nicole Cisne Durbin, formerly Family Resources' president, as the Girls Scouts' new CEO.
- **Harry Coin** | Harry's in-laws are celebrating their 80th wedding anniversary, both of whom are 99 years old. And they said it would never last....
- **Tom Olson** | Tom and his wife will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary soon, and Tom (or more accurately, his wife) is looking for something to occupy his time, due to his recent retirement. He seemed interested in an open crossing guard position, provided he got a vest to wear. Tom also reminded everyone that the Rust Belt Americana is being held at the Bend XPO this weekend.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny and her husband enjoyed a getaway weekend with former BRC member Jonna Schuler and her husband. They had a great time in Kentucky bourbon country, were amazed by the huge operations and fascinated by the bourbon-making process. Penny now aspires to be a distillery tour guide.



This Week's Program

Mallory Merritt, Chief Financial Officer

After working in city government for a time, Mallory Merritt joined Estes Construction some two years ago. She now oversees all shared administrative services throughout Estes' four companies, which include areas like IT, Human Resources, accounting, finance, etc.

Estes has been in existence for 55 years and employs about 170 people. Their guiding principles are: advocacy, leadership, value and responsiveness. Their founders made a commitment to give back to the community and the company has always made that part of their mission. Area organizations are encouraged to submit requests that fall into one of Estes' giving pillars: Underserved Youth, Partnering with Purpose, Talent and Workforce, and Regional Vitality.

Currently, Estes is excited to be involved in several area projects. They are working on the improvements at the Quad City Airport. They are building a new childcare center for Skip-A-Long. And, they will be doing the new Bettendorf Police Department station. The groundbreaking for that project is September 8th.

To find out more about Estes, visit their website.



A Dog Gone Good Story



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

When members of the Rotary Club of Borderlands in the UK heard about the PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub, they excitedly enrolled their furry friends. The Kennel Klub allows pets (well, their owners) to pledge at least \$100 per year to PolioPlus and, in return, receive a red *End Polio Now* bandana.

"The Kennel Klub welcomes animals of any kind," says Borderlands club member Beth Thomson, "while ours are mainly dogs, there is a pet sheep in there too!" The club has 100% PolioPlus Society membership, donating about \$5,500 per year to the cause. While the club hasn't brought the pets to its breakfast meetings, they did persuade Past RI President Gordon McNally to sit for a photo shoot with Kennel Klub idols Mabel, Angus, Applepip, Tess, Todd, Cora, and Fleet (see photo on the left).

Happy *August* Birthday

4th

Steve Sorensen

12th

Torri Smith

18th

Darin Haack

8th

Dick Hanzelka

Jerry Felsing
Tiffany Lensch

27th

Joe Campion

14th

Sandy Yoder

9th

Penny McGimpsey



Happy BRC Anniversary



Tom Howard



Jeff Hassel

17 Years

Tim Lane
Paul Scranton

10 Years

Jerry Higgs

4 Years

Bryce Bowers

2 Years

Tracy Rommel
Laura Johannsen
Tim Bonney

Congratulations



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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

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