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**AUGUST 6, 2025**

## *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!"
- Tom Olson - Gary Sissel, former attorney and friend of Tom's, passed away in Florida recently

### **Guests:**

- Nick Reuter | Guest of the club with introduction by Fred Anderson

## **COMING UP...**

**August 13, 2025**



Natalie Linville-Mass

President  
QC PastPort

## **BRC Anniversary Dates**

Tom Howard – 59 years  
Jeff Hassel – 24 years  
Tim Lane – 16 years  
Paul Scranton – 16 years  
Jerry Higgs – 9 years  
Bryce Bowers – 3 years  
Laura Johannsen – 1 year  
Tracy Rommel – 1 year  
Tim Bonney – 1 year



## Announcements

- **Rotary Night at the Ballpark** | Meet fellow Rotarians at Modern Woodmen Park on August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [bettendorffrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorffrotary@gmail.com).
- **Annual Golf Outing** | Registration is open for the BRC golf outing on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:maria@brcgolf.com).
- **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. **If you are a new member, please contact [bettendorffrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorffrotary@gmail.com) to indicate your attendance at this meeting.**
- **Empowering Abilities Informational Luncheon** Anyone interested in learning more about Empowering Abilities and the great work they do should join the BRC table on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 p.m. at the Waterfront Convention Center. Please contact [bettendorffrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorffrotary@gmail.com) by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, as reservations are required.
- **Bettendorf Library Board** | A vacancy exists on the Bettendorf Library Board and John Rabine is seeking interested individuals. To learn more about the board or to express your interest, contact John Rabine.

Golf sign up made super  
easy



QR Code for golf registration



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



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## Happy Bucks

- **Ron Crist** | Ron and his wife were made grandparents for the first time last Friday when their son and daughter-in-law welcomed a baby boy.
- **Dick Hanzelka** | Being the smart man that he is, Dick planned his wedding on his birthday, so he'd never forget an anniversary. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Dick and his bride will celebrate his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday and 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.
- **Sandy Yoder** | In addition to August being his birthday month, Sandy is also happy about the summer deck hockey tournament happening this weekend. This fast and rowdy sport is enjoyed by his son and grandsons.
- **Harry Coin** | Harry celebrated his father-in-law's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and his in-laws' 79<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary while visiting in Ithaca, New York.
- **Sharon Sarver** | Sharon is happy to be back after enjoying (and surviving) a vacation. She also invited everyone to a Family Resources fundraiser on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Waterfront Convention Center. Those interested should contact Sharon. Third, she shared a some riddles from a book given to Penny in honor of her presidency. Penny "forgot" to take it home with her, so Sharon kindly gifted it to Penny again.



Steve and Rachel Dooley accept a \$4650 for the Scott County Little League girls from President Penny.

## BRC Pitches In for Scott County Little League

Bettendorf Rotarians "dugout" their wallets to make sure over 200 girls could have their season restored. Representatives from the organization were brought to tears with the generosity of the club.

Over \$10,000 worth of damage was sustained from the July 11<sup>th</sup> flood. The funds will be used to purchase balls, catchers' gear, pitching machines, and other supplies ruined from the high water.

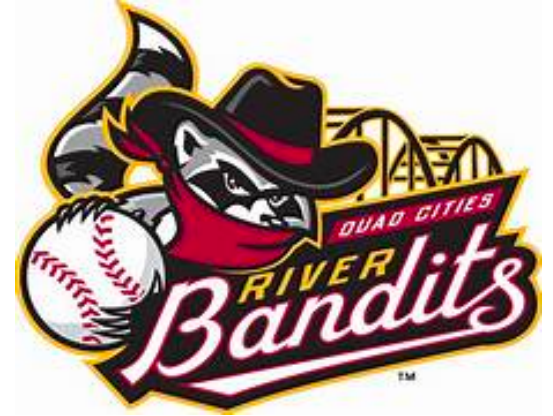
Thanks to everyone who contributed, we hit one out of the park!



## **This Week's Program**

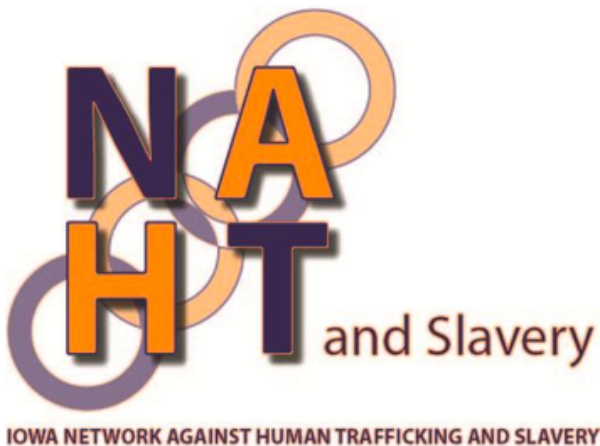
### ***Dave Heller, President of Main Street Baseball***

After witnessing the little league check presentation, Dave Heller said, "This is why I live here! This is why I bought a team here." Dave proved his commitment to the Quad Cities when he bought the River Bandits 18 years ago and signed a 30-year lease with the City of Davenport. He is happy to be part of a community that cares for each other, and he supports many organizations that make the Quad Cities an even better place for all.



On two separate occasions, the Quad Cities was at risk of losing the team. In both situations, Dave was a strong advocate for the area and managed to keep the team here with the help of others who pitched in to support the team. To further solidify the team in their current, award-winning location, a bridge to the stadium is needed. Although a bridge has not been supported previously, Dave will continue to lobby for it, as flooding is always a concern.

There's always something going on during the team's 66 home games. Dave urged everyone to bring family, friends, and co-workers to enjoy this Quad City entertainment gem.



The Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery (NAHT) was Iowa's first and only volunteer organization devoted exclusively to ending human trafficking in all its forms.

NAHT is focused on ending demand for sex and labor trafficking, through

- awareness-raising,
- prevention education,
- and working with organizations and communities to create trafficking-free zones across Iowa and beyond.

Rotary District #6000 has been a great collaborator and supporter for several years. Over the last 3 years, there have been 17 Rotary Clubs represented on the D6000 Preventing Human Trafficking Action Team.

NAHT has a 20th-anniversary fundraising campaign to raise \$20,000. Money will be used to help the NAHT to increase awareness and thereby the prevention of this heinous crime of human trafficking.

Ways you can help NAHT achieve its \$20,000 goal:

- Donate at: [www.iowanaht.org](http://www.iowanaht.org), under the Donate Tab.
- Mail a check to: Iowa NAHT 5508 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014

# Happy Birthday

**4th**

Steve Sorensen

**8th**

Dick Hanzelka

**9th**

Penny McGimpsey

**12th**

Jerry Felsing

**14th**

Sandy Yoder

**27th**

Joe Campion

**29th**

Mary Macumber-Schmidt



If you don't want to be left off this list,  
make sure your information is up to date in Club Runner!



## Club of Bettendorf

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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