

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



September is



**Basic Education and
Literacy Month**

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
- Marcia Erickson - Remembering how everyone pulled together after the tragic events of 9/11, which was 25 years ago.
- Tom Olson - Dr. Doug Robertson, a local dentist and friend, has entered hospice care.

Guests:

- Amelia, Noah, and Jamie Donaway, guests of Deb Boland
- Michael Adams, visiting from the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
- Marge Stratton, guest of Jake Eikenberry

Pints for Polio

Back by popular demand, Pints for Polio will be held on:

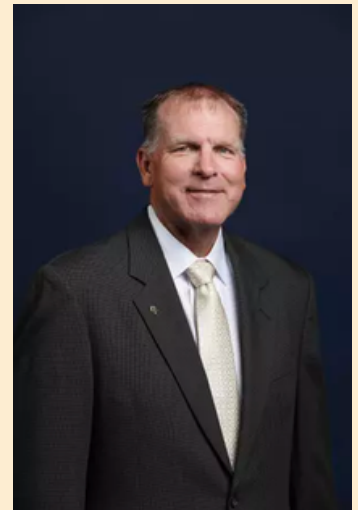
Friday, October 23rd
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Harrington’s Pub

Guest bartenders’ tips will go to Polio Plus.



COMING UP...

September 23rd



Mike Zapolski
Director of Athletics
Augustana College



Announcements

Anyone up for a holiday party?

The Davenport Rotary Club booked the River Center for an event on November 7th. They are no longer planning to have that event; however, they are assessing the interest of area Rotary Clubs in having a joint holiday party instead. Cost would be \$30 per person. By a show of hands, it appeared some BRC members would be interested in attending.



District Grant Update

President Marcia's grant to assist with the purchase of a trailer for the YWCA has been fully funded! The Empowerment Hub mobile trailer will allow the YWCA's Empowerment Center to more efficiently distribute needed items to people in the community.



The grant is for \$7500, our club is matching that with \$7500, and the Iowa Quad Cities Club is contributing \$5000. The YWCA is hoping to get the vehicle on the road in January, and this will be a great volunteer opportunity for the club.

Acres of Warmth Coming Soon

The 6th year of the blanket drive will be kicking off soon. The KWQC drive through event is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd. Volunteers are needed for that day, as well as dropping off collection boxes, delivering blankets to organizations, and other tasks. Contact Joe Campion for more information.



Registration at 9 a.m.

Walk Steps Off at
10:00 a.m.

Vibrant Arena

No registration fee.
[CLICK HERE.](#)



All are welcome!
Meet at the new BETT sign under the I-74 bridge on Monday, September 21st at 4:30 p.m. for a photo op and celebratory beverage afterwards.

Golf Outing 2026

After a brief weather delay, the 2026 BRC Golf Outing was in full swing. A 10:30 a.m. shotgun start meant all foursomes finished about the same time, so everyone was able to join in the after-golf festivities together.

Thanks to all the golfers, sponsors, and especially, to Maria Osterberg and Penny McGimpsey who planned this year's fun event. It was tee-rific!



With a 1st place finish in the 1st flight and a round of 60, BRC member Paul Boffeli (left) and his teammates had much to celebrate.



Maria Osterberg, President Marcia Erickson, and Penny McGimpsey



BRC member Jake Eikenberry (right) and team showed off their winnings for finishing 1st place in the 2nd flight with a score of 66.



Joe Champion (left) "congratulated" his fellow Rotarians, John Rabine, Steve Sorensen, and Tim Bonney on their team's "achievement" at the golf outing.



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Happy Bucks

- **Dean Kraus** | Now that Dean's son is in college at Iowa State, he no longer feels the need to keep in touch with his dad. That is until he wants to make sure his tie is straight for a career fair, so a FaceTime chat was in order, which made Dean happy.
- **Mike Simons** | Mike had a Larry Thein sighting and verified that Larry is alive and well, and he is still a BRC member.
- **John Gnatovich** | John was happy about many things, among them were: the Scouts selling popcorn at the meeting today, the Hawks' win last Saturday, his grandkids and others participating in cross country, and that he will be serving food at the Greek Fest this weekend.
- **Matt Nelson** | Matt and his wife had an eventful week when they attended a veterinarian conference in Nashville, and they welcomed their first granddaughter to the family.
- **Tom Olson** | Tom brought Lake Geneva magazines to share, and he encouraged everyone to visit this close-by gem.
- **Bob Gallagher Sr.** | In September, Bob is celebrating his 59th wedding anniversary and his 50th year in Rotary.
- **Tim Lane** | Over 62,000 Iowans are living with Alzheimer's and over 7 million in the United States. Tim was happy to share that this weekend is the Alzheimer's Walk. Visit alz.org/walk for more information.
- **Ann Kappeler** | Ann enjoyed a visit from her daughter who lives in Wyoming. Ann and her husband also enjoyed a river cruise in Oregon and Washington. She also gave a shout out to Troy Gutknecht for hosting a fun IA v. ISU party at Oscar's, which was an auction item purchased by Pat Eikenberry.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker was happy to support the Scouts by threatening anyone leaving without a popcorn purchase.



This Week's Program

Amy Vollmer has been in the mortgage business for over 30 years, so she knows of what she speaks. There are a variety of loan options, including conventional, FHA, VA, USDA, Jumbo, and Reverse. Each one is designed for specific situations. They all have their advantages and things to consider.

To determine which loan is best for a situation, questions that should be answered are: Did you serve in the military? Where are you buying and what's your income? What is your credit score and down payment? Investment property or retirement equity?

Amy can be reached at amy.vollmer@mottomortgage.com or 563-340-5626.

Jake Eikenberry and his business associate Marge Stratton don't just sell buildings, they help people make better business and investment decisions through real estate. They work with property owners, businesses, and investment/developers. While different clients have different objectives, Jake and Marge understand that the clients always have the same need for good information and a clear strategy.

By listening, analyzing, positioning, negotiating, and doing their due diligence, they are able execute the plan, close the deal, and help clients move to the next step.

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Ray Brauer heads up the Illowa Council of Scouting America, which includes 13 counties and serves more than 1,800 youth. The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath is: *"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."* The Scout Law is: *"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."*

The Scouts are currently selling popcorn. To find out where you can get some or for more information about Scouting, contact Ray at ray.brauer@scouting.org or visit illowascouting.org.



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Happy September Birthday

6th

Michelle Morse

22nd

Joe Pacha
Derek Cockrell

29th

Harry Coin

12th

Kurt Lokenvitz

28th

Michael Hurd



Happy BRC Anniversary



Bob Gallagher, Sr.

27 Years

Frank Mitvalsky

17 Years

Tom Olson

5 Years

Jean Dickson
Marcia Erickson

4 Years

PT Boeye

1 Year

Bailey Pribyl





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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