

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 - Flag officers of the US military
- Penny McGimpsey - Sue Grant, one of the owners of Minuteman Press, died this week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

- The “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” song was sung and a list of September birthdays and anniversaries was shared.
- A list of September birthdays and anniversaries can be found later in this newsletter.

COMING UP...

September 9th

BRC Golf Outing



September 16th
Vocation Presentations

Our Very Own Members:

Amy Vollmer

Jake Eikenberry

Ray Brauer

Invites You To The

SPECIAL ONLINE

INTERNATIONAL
MEGA - MEETING

Partners in Peace

COMMEMORATING THE
2026 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

THEME:
FROM CONFLICT TO RESOLUTION

DATE: Sunday, 20 September 2026
TIME: : 8:00 PM AEST (Melbourne Time)

Peace is POSSIBLE! Let us come together and unite for Peace, Purpose and Progress.

SCANNER

Announcements

Grant Committee

After Grant Committee Chair Joe Pacha made a compassionate plea for a couple of new committee members, not one, not two, but 4 Rotarians stepped forward!

Polio Walk Planning

In other “thanks for stepping up” news, John Gnatovich will be representing our club on the planning committee for the upcoming Polio Walk on October 24th.

The walk will start at the Vibrant Arena, go to the oculus on the I-74 bridge and return to Vibrant. More details will be coming soon.

Lobsterfest 2027

Yes, you read that right. Plans are already underway for next year’s event on Friday, June 11th. With that much notice to clear calendars, there’s no excuse to miss it!

Maria Osterberg, Penny McGimpsey, Marcia Erickson, and Eric Reinsch are the super sponsorship team. Contact any of them to get locked in early.

District Grant Update

President Marcia’s grant to assist with the purchase of a trailer for the YWCA is making its way through the Rotary approval process. After being approved by the district, it has been sent off to the folks at Rotary International. Hopefully, a decision will be made soon.

The trailer will allow the YWCA’s Empowerment Center to more efficiently distribute needed items to people in the community.

Acres of Warmth Coming Soon

Although the temperatures are high now, they won’t be that way forever. Over the last 5 years, over 15,000 blankets have been distributed to those in need.

The 6th year of the blanket drive will be kicking off in the next couple months. KWQC has agreed to do a drive through event again, which is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd. Volunteers will be needed for that day, as well as dropping off collection boxes, delivering blankets to organizations, and other tasks. More information will be forthcoming.



**WORLD'S
LARGEST
POLIO WALK**

*make a
difference
Be a sponsor!*

**ywca
Quad Cities**



Golf Outing-Last CALL!

If you've been thinking about but haven't pulled the trigger, now's the time! Sunday, September 6th is the last day to sign up for this year's golf outing

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 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](#).

On Wednesday, September 9th, golf begins at Palmer Hills at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Lunch will follow golf at about 1:30 or 2 p.m. Bring cash for mulligans.

Contact [Maria Osterberg](#) or [Penny McGimpsey](#) for more information.



Happy Bucks

- **Kurt Lokenvitz** | Kurt enjoyed his vacation in London, and he will be celebrating his birthday on the 12th at the Iowa v. ISU game with his sons.
- **Decker Ploehn** | Decker came back from his trip abroad with many fun memories and a not-so-fun cold.
- **Monica Kruse** | After being forced to work instead of attending Rotary meetings, Monica was glad to be back. She was also happy about her son's elopement a few weeks ago and the fact that her children now live in places she'll enjoy visiting.
- **Penny McGimpsey** | Penny is happy that she will be pouring Potosi beer at the Iowa Craft Beer Festival at the Amanas on Sunday.



This Week's Program

Workplace emergencies can strike at any time, so a well-crafted emergency action plan is vital to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Informmics is dedicated to customizing safety training for organizations and providing on-site education based on real-life experience and effective tools. Because every site is unique, every plan is unique.

Informmics provides training in the following areas:

- Leadership in Safety
- Hazard Communication Standard/SDS/GHS in the workplace
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- Fire Safety in the Workplace
- Innovative Building Evacuation Drills

When owner Michael Mulherin was asked why he started Informmics, he said, "I just want to help companies understand safety in the workplace. To get employees home safely to their loved ones in the same condition they deserve - every workday."

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Michael Mulherin
Owner and President



Supporting Education

Rotary International focuses on enhancing basic education and literacy as a key area of service, aiming to improve educational opportunities and reduce disparities in access to education globally.

Rotary's commitment to education encompasses various strategies and goals.

- Global Reach—Initiatives in over 100 countries, aiming to improve literacy and educational access.
- Community Empowerment—Strengthening local communities' capacity to support education, particularly in underserved areas.
- Gender Equality—Reducing gender disparity in education, promoting equal access for girls and women.
- Early Childhood Education—Enrollment in preprimary education has increased by 60 million from 2000 to 2011, highlighting the importance of early education.
- Collaborative Efforts — Collaborating with clubs and districts.



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

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