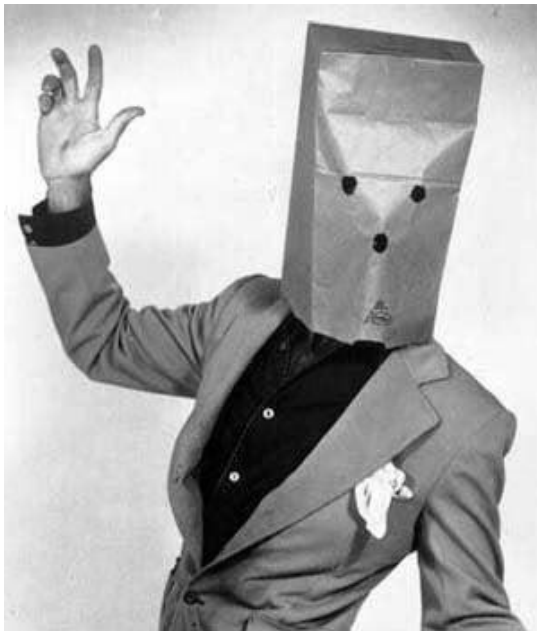




**THE  
BETTENDORF  
ROTARY  
CLUB NEWS...**  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722  
**February 28, 2024**

*Next Week's Meeting...*

**TBD**



Next week's program is cooking on the front burner. We'll have soup by next Wednesday. 😊

Stay tuned...

*This Week's Meeting...*

**TAP DANCING**



Today President-Elect Mike Ingleby was subbing for President Joe Campion.

Poor P-E Mike... he had to do some last minute soft-shoe as we had a directional dysfunction with our scheduled program presenter.

P-E Mike gave us a quick update on his recent Rotary training session for incoming presidents. This was held in Newton, IA and is called PETS (President Elect Training Seminar).

This session took the incoming District 6000 presidents through some interesting exercises.

One in particular had to do with rating club strengths and weaknesses. P-E Mike says in comparison to other Rotary clubs in District 6000, the BRC shows up pretty strong on the score board. However, one metric needs some help: Member Retention.

In other words, we do a great job of recruiting new members. But a weak job in engaging them and keeping them in the club.

P-E Mike says a focal effort of his incoming administration will be to take us through a goal-setting exercise led by District 6000 Assistant Area Governor, Jeff Ashcraft, of the North Scott Rotary Club.

Quote him. P-E Mike says: "I don't like taking people where they don't want to go."

## GUESTS...

Kate Rothenberger (with **Mary Macumber-Schmidt**)

## WE SING...

**Tom Howard** made us prove we are a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**Matt Sturdevant** reminded it is 115 days to Lobsterfest! We need ideas as to which charity we will target with Lobsterfest funds. Also known as, "Fund-A-Cause." Send Matt your idea(s).

[matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com](mailto:matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com)

**Carol Foster** apprised us that the Grants Committee was recently given the go-ahead by the BRC Board of Directors to allocate another \$56,000 to local community efforts. The committee is going to call these "Impact Grants" as they are going to be \$10,000 in size, will be paid after the fact, and will require documentation. Carol asks that we get the word out to deserving efforts and organizations. Let 'em know about the availability of this money. This is how we show the community what we do with Lobsterfest funds. Contact Carol for more information or with questions. Deadline for submissions is April 19.

[CarolFoster@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:CarolFoster@empoweringabilities.org)

**Mary Macumber-Schmidt** says the after school meal at Hope at the Brick House took place this week and was a solid success. 40+ kids were very respectful and appreciative. Mary had the club volunteers stand for recognition.



**Gwen Tombergs/Lobsterfest Marketing Committee** is asking for help from "Share Warriors" who will share Lobsterfest social media posts. We also need a couple members to be video producers so we can post some fun video clips on social media. *Help us push Lobsterfest!*

[gwentombergs@gmail.com](mailto:gwentombergs@gmail.com)

**Monica Kruse** advised that Habitat For Humanity will be building 6 houses this year, starting Saturday May 4. Monica says it is rewarding work and they will let anyone swing a hammer. See Monica to get involved:

[closing@mtctitle.com](mailto:closing@mtctitle.com)

**Harry Coin** advised that District 6000 is now going to allow “empty nesters” the ability to host qualified International Exchange Students. Our club’s exchange program is in dire need of a host family for the 2024/2025 school year. It will change your life.

[hgcoin@gmail.com](mailto:hgcoin@gmail.com)

**President-Elect Mike Ingleby** offered words of praise to **Mayor Bob Gallagher** on his great delivery of the State of the City Address last week. This was the first time Mike attended this event and he was duly impressed... and now understands proper attire is required.

### **LOBSTERFEST CONTACTS:**

If you have questions or ideas for Lobsterfest, here are the committee members. They’d love to hear from you...

- ✚ Silent Auction – Shannon Chap, Mary Macumber Schmit
- ✚ Venue – Ann Kappler
- ✚ Branding/Marketing/Social Media – Beth Clark
- ✚ Sponsorships – Maria Osterberg, Eric Reinsch, Marcia Erickson
- ✚ Ticket Sales – Brock Biggerstaff
- ✚ Live Auction – Kevin Koellner & Ron Chris
- ✚ Drawings – Matt Sturdevant

**BE LIKE PAUL.** Become a Paul Harris Fellow. It’s the core giving goal of any Rotarian. See S.K. Nanda for more information.



### **HAPPY BUCKS...**

**Linda Wood** is ecstatic that her 23 year old daughter is out of the house and working for a law firm in Des Moines... while her youngest daughter is playing softball for Truman College.

**Mayor Bob Gallagher** gratefully thanked the club for the moral support at last week’s State of the City Address.

**Ryan Sempf** giddily reported that he got engaged last week!

**Mary Macumber-Schmidt** was pleased to explain that the Quad City Storm recently raised \$20,000 for QC cancer patients.

**Decker Ploehn** boastfully offered that 58 BRC Rotarians were in attendance at the mayor’s address at the Waterfront Convention Center last week... that he is proud of this club... and he will be taking up a donation to buy **Mike Ingleby** a suit.



**Penny McGimpsey** is filled with anticipation over the coming “Bacon Bourbon Brew and Wine Bash” at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds on Saturday March 23... where she’ll be pushing Petosi Brewing.

With his typical jocularly, **Doc Olson** reported he was in Chicago recently and, against his wife’s wishes, bought yet another sweater with teddy bears on it. He just couldn’t help it. Of course, he asked her to “bear with him.”



*Thanks to Derek Cockrell for hitting that bell for us today! (no look)*



## Upcoming Meetings...

If you have an idea for a future program, see Program Chairman **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953;

[scottnaumann@msn.com](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com)

## Need to Make Up at Another QC Rotary Club?

Monday, Noon: Davenport – Modern Woodmen Park

Monday, Noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, upstairs, Hy-Vee, 30th Street & 18th Avenue, Rock Island

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City

Tuesday, Noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

**Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Hills Pavilion**

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport

Thursday, Noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, Noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – → *please update if you learn its meeting place*

Friday, Noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

## Rotary International... Rotary Foundation Minute



[S.K. Nanda, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair, provides regular guidance on the good work of the Foundation.]

### RI's Month of Peace & Conflict Prevention/Reconciliation.

The news this week highlights the continued effort of The Rotary Foundation to lighten the burden of victims of devastating disasters. A year after the most powerful earthquake in nearly a century devastated parts of Turkey and Syria, Rotary members have helped people rebuild with container homes for hundreds of families, hospital equipment, and other essential support.

A special Disaster Relief Fund created by The Rotary Foundation, now closed to contributions, raised more than US\$2 million from donors around the world and funded about 60 grants that have allowed Rotary members to provide shelter, medical care, and other necessities.

The earthquake on 6 February 2023 killed more than 55,000 people and

affected 15 million others across southern Turkey and northern Syria. Many clubs and districts have organized humanitarian initiatives guided by Rotarians in the affected areas. The three districts in Turkey worked together to implement projects totaling US\$10 million. Immediately after the earthquake, Rotarians in Turkey set up three tent cities to provide temporary shelter for 2,000 families.

The districts have since used US\$50,000 Disaster Response Grants coupled with other funds to establish two container cities while providing support for a third container city built by the local government in Ankara.

Refik Kutluer, president of the Rotary Club of Ankara International, says his club arranged for six children whose limbs were amputated from injuries suffered in the earthquake to receive prosthetic limbs at hospitals in the United States. The treatments were provided at no cost to the families. "All these children have returned home and are again able to walk," Kutluer says. "They continue to express their gratitude to Rotary saying that after the earthquake, they felt hopeless, but now they have been restored to life."

The Ankara International club also provided a mobile science laboratory and classroom for Ata College, almost completely destroyed by the earthquake. The school lost 26 students, two teachers, and two staff members in the quake. Classes are being held in prefabricated buildings.

Rotary and Rotaract members have also purchased essential equipment for a hospital in Antakya. Using two

US\$50,000 grants, District 2430, Turkey, provided an ultrasound machine that hospital administrators requested as well as equipment to perform colonoscopies and endoscopies.

VISIT: [The Rotary Foundation | Rotary International](#)

\*See **S.K. Nanda** about making your contributions to The Rotary Foundation.\*

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<https://rotary6000.org/>

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**For more on Rotary International:**

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**R. Gordon R. McNally**

Rotary International President, 2023-24

Rotary Club of South Queensferry,

Lothian, Scotland

**For more on Bettendorf Rotary...**

Website:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

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**LinkedIn**

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**Jump in! The water's fine!**



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