



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
February 21, 2024

Next Week's Meeting...

**FOR THE LOVE OF
THE RIVER**



Next week River Action's Executive Director, Kathy Wine, will give us an update on the organization's activities in 2024... including a 40th Anniversary celebration.

Don't miss it!

This Week's Meeting...

**ALL THINGS
BETTENDORF**



Today our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** gave the annual "State of the City Address" at the Waterfront Convention Center. The house was packed, the food was good, and the message was on point.

Key Mentions:

- ✚ The City of Bettendorf recently achieved a financial rating of "AA+" by S&P Global.
- ✚ The average value of a home in Bettendorf is \$319,000.
- ✚ There were 157 single-family home construction starts in Bettendorf in 2023.

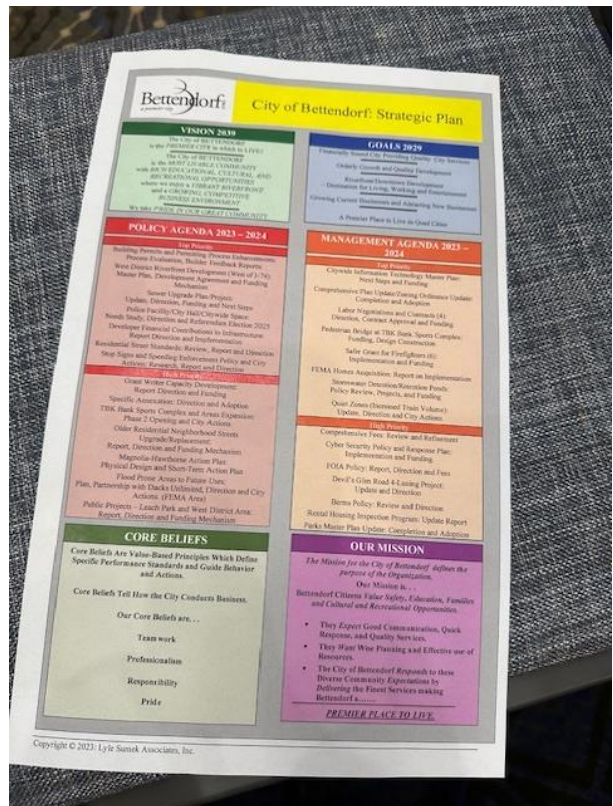
- ✚ Per recent survey, 90% of Bettendorf residents are satisfied with their community.
- ✚ Keep an eye on the “West Bridge District”... developers have some exciting plans on the burner for entertainment and living in this area.
- ✚ The city council may need to raise the city’s tax rate to keep pace with growing costs and property tax limits set by the state.
- ✚ In sum, as the mayor likes to point out: “We’re lean. We do more with less than anybody.”



Packed house.



It’s Go Time. Does this guy look nervous? Heck, no. He’s money.



The City’s “2024 Strategic Plan” recently drafted by the city council and staff.

“HOW’D THE MAYOR DO, FOLKS?”

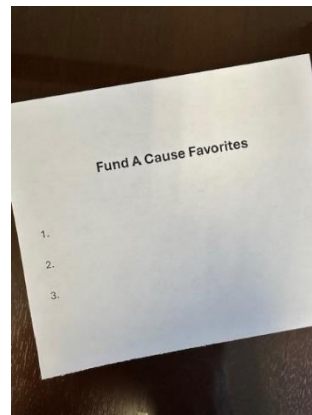


GREAT JOB, MAYOR BOB!



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Matt Sturdevant asks us to submit 3 causes we’d like the BRC to consider funding in the next club year. These funds come from our famous Lobsterfest. matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com



Speaking of Club Service efforts, here’s a big one. **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. We need builders. See Monica to get involved:

closing@mtctitle.com

Gwen Tombergs and the Lobsterfest Marketing Committee are asking for help from 10 club members who will be “Share Warriors”... i.e., they will share all the 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. This is all part of an orchestrated social media effort around Lobsterfest. If you enjoy social media, we need you!

gwentombergs@gmail.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. Brock Biggerstaff, whose family hosted Italian student Dafne Sapia this year, offered testimonial to the fact that it is a very enjoyable assignment.

hgcoin@gmail.com

LOBSTERFEST: If you have questions or ideas for Lobsterfest, here are the committee members. Feel free to reach out to them.

- ✚ 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

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS...

See **SK Nanda** to find out how you can join this elite Rotary designation.



PREPPING FOR NEXT YEAR...

President-Elect **Mike Ingleby** recently attended PETS in Newton, IA. PETS stands for President Elect Training Seminar and is very beneficial in helping incoming Rotary presidents shape up their club year. Thanks for giving up a day for this important education, P-E Mike!



NEW MEMBER MESSAGE...

President Joe encourages new club members to get involved with a club service activity. You’ll be surprised at the life-long connections you will make. See President Joe Champion for suggestions.



Upcoming Meetings...

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

2nd and 4th 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...



Ukraine Relief Fund

Two years after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Rotary members around the globe continue to raise funds and send medicine, fuel, and other essential supplies to those affected by the conflict.

A special relief fund created by The Rotary Foundation, now closed to contributions, raised more than US\$17.4 million from donors around the world and has funded more than 400 grants that have allowed Rotary members to provide different kinds of help.

In addition, many Rotary clubs and districts have organized local humanitarian response initiatives. Guided by District 2232 (Ukraine), these efforts have directed shipments of medicine, medical equipment, ambulances, generators, heating fuel, winter supplies, and other relief to communities in need.

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

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

For more on Rotary District 6000:

<https://rotary6000.org/>

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Rotary International President, 2023-24
Rotary Club of South Queensferry,
Lothian, Scotland

For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.



LinkedIn

DO US A SOLID... Go to the BRC's Facebook and LinkedIn pages and share these posts. We'll be posting this notice over the next couple weeks.

Cost: \$0

THANK YOU!



Plan to attend the 2024 Bettendorf Rotary **Lobsterfest** in June!
All dollars raised go to support community programs in the Quad Cities area.

2024 Rotary Club of Bettendorf Lobsterfest
Friday June 21, 2024 | Waterfront Center
BettendorfRotary.com

Full Steam Ahead!

Presented by:
Abbey Carpet Gallery **TBK BANK**

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