



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
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Next Week's Meeting...

FORE!



Ryan Hintze will be with us to give an update on the exciting new attraction at the TBK Sports Complex: Iron Tee Golf!

Don't miss it.



This Week's Meeting...

**MAKING THE
WORLD A BETTER
PLACE**

girl scouts 
of eastern iowa
and western illinois



Today we had the famous Girl Scouts in-house. Our own **Shelly Cain-Wells** discussed the significant presence of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois.

The GSEI&WI council has a huge foot print, covering 38 counties in two states.

The mission of Girl Scouts is to “build girls of confidence, courage, and character.”

GSEI&WI has 11,000 active girls and 3000 volunteers in its ranks. 4000 girls are in the outreach program.

The outreach program offers scouting training and dogma in the school setting... thus giving program access to girls who don't have the resources to enjoy standard membership.

GSEI&WI has three camps in Iowa that accommodate the scouts' special events: Camp Liberty/QC, Camp Little Cloud/Dubuque, and Camp L-Kee-Ta/Burlington.

Besides life skills, the girls are guided to community service, such as assisting with safety patrol and clean-up efforts at schools. The girls with us today showed off their badges.

Of course, The Cookies are the programmatic all-star of Girl Scouts. 55% of the GSEI&WI budget comes from selling cookies.

Girls learn goal-setting, decision-making, money management, business ethics, and people skills from selling The Cookies.

But it's not all work. The girls have taken a trip to Savannah, GA with cookie sales proceeds... and are planning a trip to Alaska.

GSEI&WI typically sells 1,000,000 boxes of cookies in a selling season! (you read that right... ONE MILLION)

And the girls had their selling shoes on today. They had a sales booth set up right next to the FRONT door!



GUESTS...

- Rachel Stahle (**Shelly Cain-Wells**)
- Girl Scouts Bree, Heather, and Madelyn (**Shelly Cain-Wells**)
- Kanna Jensen and her daughter, Hanna Jensen, who is a RYLA student and will be going to Italy this year as an exchange student. (**Pat Engelhaupt**)

WE SING...

Tom Howard raised his conductor's hand... and we sang... because we are a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



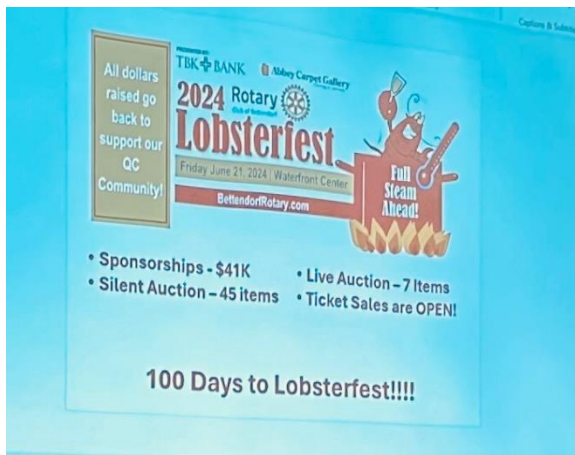
ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Carol Foster reminded us that there are several \$10,000 Impact Grants available to worthy causes in the QC community. These grants were just created. Let's get these funds working. Visit the BRC web site for more information. Deadline for applications is April 19.

CarolFoster@empoweringabilities.org

Anne Kappeler is back from Florida and she reminded it is 100 Days to Lobsterfest! Things are coming together quickly. We need you to solicit auction items. See Matt Sturdevant with Lobsterfest issues.

matt.sturdevant@goosehead.com



Anne says you can be the first to get your Lobsterfest tickets right here:

brc.ticket.qtego.us

Jen DeBuhr is running the after school meal at Hope at the Brick House on March 18 at 4:00. She's going to feed the kids Maid Rite Loose Meat Sandwiches. She needs \$250 in monetary donations and a couple volunteers.

jdebuhr@bettendorf.org

Monica Kruse has a couple cool fundraisers for us to hit:

- Rock-n-Roll Bingo by the RI Rotary Club on March 22.

www.qcrocknrollbingo.com

- Pickleball Tournament by Humility Homes on May 17.

www.humilityhomes.org/acesforchange

Harry Coin offered a "Now or Never Plea" for a host family for the Rotary Youth Exchange for the 2024/2025 school year. Students are typically female and European. If we don't get a family lined up in the next week or two we'll have to bail out on the program... which would be a shame since we have been successful for several years running. (Note that District 6000 is now going to allow "empty nesters" the ability to host qualified International Exchange Students.)

hgcoin@gmail.com

Monica Kruse also reminds us that Habitat For Humanity will be building 6 houses this year... starting Saturday May 4. Construction experience not necessary. See Monica to get involved:

closing@mtctitle.com

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

S.K. Nanda called up **Peggy Schneden** to receive her first pin as a Paul Harris Fellow. Well done, Peggy!



BE LIKE PAUL (and Peggy). Become a Paul Harris Fellow. It's the core giving goal of any Rotarian. See S.K. Nanda for more information.

sknanda2@gmail.com



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

HAPPY BUCKS...

Dave Sheffield is giddy about becoming a granddad for the first time (to a bouncing baby girl)!

Larry Thein proudly advised that his collegiate-baseball-playing son went 4 for 4 at the plate in a recent game.

Decker Ploehn gladly covered the cost of a couple boxes of Girl Scout cookies “for all the tight-a#@%s that won't buy a box of cookies today.”

Bob Gallagher Sr ecstatically announced last week's birth of his first great grandson!

Penny McGimpsey encouragingly reminded us of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Davenport this Saturday... and asked us to be on the look-out for the WQUD 107.7FM float, replete with the band, “3 On The Tree.”

Oh, No... Doc O:

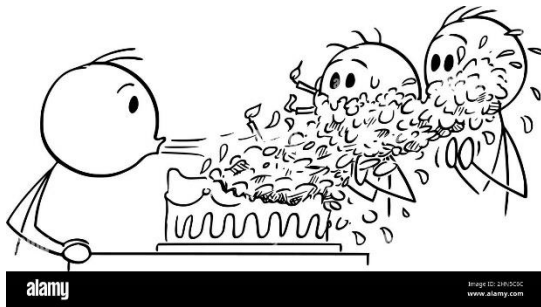
Upon hearing **Matt Sturdevant** was absent today due to a root canal, **Tom Olson** casually apprised us of the good thing about endodontists... *they tend to get to the root of the problem.*



Thanks to Girl Scout Madelyn for ringing our bell today! (she deserves a badge)

March Birthdays...

- 04 Tracy Naab
- 07 Matt Sturdevant
- 14 Renalda Samolitis
- 17. Marcia Erickson
- 20 Craig Wagner
- 22 Rochelle Dougall
- 25 Rick Bormann
Kristin Skaggs
- 27 Michael Simons
- 31 Ron Crist
Dave Falk
Kevin Koellner



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

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day



SHARE IT on Facebook and LinkedIn:

Jump in! The water's fine!



All proceeds go to support community projects and nonprofit grant requests!

SPONSORSHIPS: \$500-\$3,000

TABLE OF EIGHT: \$800

EMAIL: Maria at mosterberg@legat.com

Presented by:

Abbey Carpet Gallery TBK BANK

Friday, June 21 | Waterfront Center, Bettendorf
www.bettendorffrotary.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Here are ways you can put your shoulder to it and help make the BRC great...

(See Announcements)

- ✓ Help with the After School Meal at the Brick House of Hope.
- ✓ Help with the Habitat for Humanity house build.
- ✓ Find a host family for the Youth Exchange
- ✓ Find sponsors and auction items for Lobsterfest.



Rotary International... Rotary Foundation Minute



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

Happy Celebration to ALL WOMEN in Rotary and Around the World!

In recognition of International Women's Day, this week's Foundation Minute is dedicated to the recipient of the 2024 Rotary International Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award: Manjoo Phadke.

Phadke, a member of the Rotary Club of Pune Deccan, India, has pursued numerous initiatives to support women's health, including organizing clinics to offer medical checkups and mammograms and leading campaigns to promote menstrual hygiene.

Phadke is responsible for securing a Rotary Foundation Grant of \$800,000 to pay for vaccinations for which she aggressively negotiated directly with the vaccine suppliers, ultimately saving two-thirds off the final cost per vaccine.

This phenomenal Rotarian has improved the lifestyle of Indian girls and women through various other programs she initiated including, Project Asmita, her district's signature initiative which uses specially made videos and booklets to educate girls in life skills such as financial, digital, and legal literacy, as well as self-defense, nutrition, and menstrual health. The project has distributed free vitamins and sanitary pads to more than 100,000 girls and women.

Another initiative is SkillArbor, a vocational institute for lower-income students. The institute takes a "learn while you earn" approach, connecting participants with employers on their first day in the program.

As an entrepreneur herself, Phadke says she has a special interest in helping women who want to run their own businesses. Her district recruited about 1,000 girls for a driver's education program that enabled the participants to go into business as delivery drivers. "We thought that if girls can be taught to drive, they can be employed as delivery girls for supply chain companies.

Phadke has conducted free workshops for women entrepreneurs and advises women on legal matters, financial issues, and conflict resolution.

"Unfortunately, in India, women have this tendency of neglecting themselves. For example, if there is one liter of milk, women think it should be given to the men or the boys.

We have to make all understand that if the woman of the house is healthy, the entire house can be healthy.

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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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

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