



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS...**
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722
March 6, 2024

Next Week's Meeting...

THE COOKIES



Our own Shelly Wells-Cain will give us insider information about the Girl Scouts and those life-giving cookies.



This Week's Meeting...



Today we heard from Kathy Wine, Executive Director at River Action.

River Action will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on May 2. Watch for celebration details.

The River Action organization was created in 1984 to collaborate and partner with people who appreciate and understand the importance of the Mississippi River and its place within the Quad Cities region.

Advocacy, Programs, Education, and Respect are objectives River Action embraces.

Kathy says River Action lives by the motto, “If you have an idea, use it now.”

Kathy ticked off an impressive array of accomplishments River Action has checked over the past 40 years... many of which we take for granted today... but were hard-fought to achieve:

- ✚ Lobbied for infrastructure access to the river by the QC municipalities
- ✚ Lobbied to light up the Centennial Bridge
- ✚ Created a water taxi (Channel Cat)
- ✚ Created Nahant Marsh Education Center
- ✚ Deployed 6000 Rain Barrels in the QC to keep storm water out of the river
- ✚ Cheerleader for making the QC a “one metro area”
- ✚ Offer canoe lessons (“you can learn a lot from the seat of a canoe”)
- ✚ Created “Floatzilla” (annual paddle event)
- ✚ Honor history (e.g., Government Bridge made the QC the true “Gateway To The West”)
- ✚ Offer flood consultation (insurance mitigation)

Kathy finished by offering, “Keep the river clean and accessible and we’ll be a better people for it.”

President Joe then bought two rain barrels on behalf of the club (\$110 each).

GUESTS...

- Kate Rothenberger
- Jen Peters

(both with **Marcia Erickson**)

WE SING...

Tom Howard asked us to act like a SINGING ROTARY CLUB.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Matt Sturdevant reminded it is 107 days to Lobsterfest! Things are coming together quickly. Get ready to meet the stream of needs that will be forthcoming. Let Matt know if you’d like to be included on the Lobsterfest Committee emails to stay updated.

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Mari Osterberg reported that we have logged \$41,000 in Lobsterfest sponsorships to-date. The goal is \$75,000. See Maria with ideas.

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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 advised that Habitat For Humanity will be building 6 houses starting Saturday May 4. It is rewarding work and they will let anyone swing a hammer. See Monica to get involved: closing@mtctitle.com

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

Marcia Erickson made it known that she and her two guests, Kate Rothenberger and Jen Peters, are Women of Impact who will be raising \$15,000 for the American Heart Association through April 4.

President Joe noticed there is a “Clean-Up Day” being held by the City of Bettendorf on Wednesday May 2... and he’s been thinkin’ ... club project?...social hour? Stay tuned.

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



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...

Bill Daley is giddy about heading to Redding, CA to celebrate his granddaughter’s birthday.

Steve Roberts happily reports a good time down in Florida for the Atlanta Braves spring training camp.

Decker Ploehn confidently threw down \$10 and bet that the Philadelphia Phillies won’t make the World Series this year. Resident Phillies fan, **President Joe Champion**, covered it with \$20.

Matt Sturdevant warily noted that tomorrow he turns the “Double Nickle” and offered \$55 to the table.

Doc Olson happily apprised us that today is National Dentist Day and reminded us that it is a “ful-filling” career.

Jeff Bloemker was pleased to announce he is keeping with the great BRC tradition of government leadership and is running for a seat on the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

Upcoming Meetings...

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

scottnaumann@msn.com



Thanks to Kathy Wine for ringing our bell today!

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

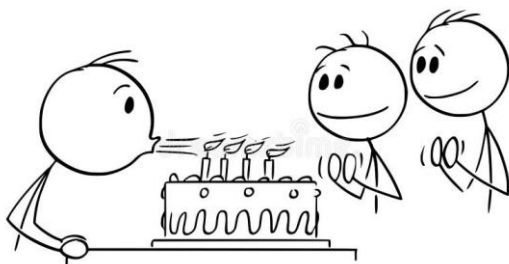
Thursday, Noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

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

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



SHARE IT on Facebook and LinkedIn:

Jump in! The water's fine!



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

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
Planning & Insurance

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



Rotary International... Rotary Foundation Minute



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

“Dear Polio Eradication Warriors:

No new Wild Polio cases reported this week. We are now 17 weeks since the Onset of Paralysis of the most recent reported Wild Polio Case - in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. Note - The 2023 Wild Polio Case Count number is expected to be final in the next week or two.

World Health Organization The World Health Organization would like to extend gratitude to Rotary International for the generous contribution of \$69.19 million in 2023 to support technical assistance in headquarters and the African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions, operational costs for Supplemental Immunization Activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan, global outbreak response, surveillance in Nigeria, and research activities.

Save the Date: World Immunization Week, 24-30 April. The World Health

Organization recognizes 24-30 April each year as World Immunization Week. Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative use the annual event to highlight the critical importance of polio vaccinations in protecting children from the debilitating effects of polio.

World Immunization Week is also a key moment in the year to show the success of vaccines in reducing polio cases by more than 99.9% since the GPEI was established in 1988, which provides proof that #VaccinesWork.

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!

20,500,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio.

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!!”

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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R. Gordon R. McInally

Rotary International President, 2023-24

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Lothian, Scotland

For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

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

You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.



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 build.
- ✓ Find a host family for Youth Exchange
- ✓ Find sponsors and auction items for Lobsterfest.



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