



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 9, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at
The Fortune Garden Restaurant

**It's a run-up to 40th
anniversary Bix 7 race**

With **Scott Naumann** running the meeting in place of **President Sharon**, at the July 16 meeting we'll hear from **Ed Froelich**, director of the Bix 7 road race, about this year's 40th anniversary running of the event.

It kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday, July 25, with the 17th annual Jr. Bix. The 7-mile race along Davenport streets and up and down challenging hills keeps "the tradition alive since 1975."



The first Bix 7 race marked the largest gathering of runners to date in the Quad-Cities – 84. It was also the first time runners were allowed to run on city streets.

The Bix 7 was founded by John Hudetz of Bettendorf, who wanted to bring to the Quad-Cities some of the excitement he felt when he ran his first Boston Marathon in 1974. Now the event routinely draws a field of about 20,000 runners from across the globe – including Olympic-class and other elite athletes.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, July 9, 2014



**Programs help
vets in the QC**

With our own **Joe Tirone** acting as emcee, at the July 9 meeting we heard a trio of "briefings" about how the Quad Cities supports the military in the community. Joe introduced **Jamie Lange**, chief development officer of WQPT-TV, the QC's PBS station; and **Teri Johnson**, military affairs liaison at UnityPoint Health-Trinity for the QC.

Jamie described the station's on-air programming and community events that make up its military initiative, "Embracing Our Military."

Unlike many communities, she said, the QC comprises 10-15% military-related people, including Rock Island Arsenal employees, active duty U.S. Army personnel, military retirees and other veterans. With WQPT's mission to educate the community, it is leading efforts to explore the impact of the military on the community. In that effort, the station's goals include a reduction of unemployment among veterans, helping vets tell their stories of



service, sponsoring events that highlight veterans and their families, and supporting vets with service-related issues such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

WQPT has sponsored such events as a night with Elmo of “Sesame Street” with the USO at Modern Woodmen Park and camps for children of service members. On-air programs include “Long Road Home,” “Stories of Service” and “Maggie’s War: A True Story of Courage, Leadership and Valor in World War II.”

In November, the station will sponsor a workforce development workshop for military members and spouses. For more: wqpt@siu.edu.

Teri is the mother of a fallen soldier, Cpl. Jason Pautsch, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2009. That year she created a foundation, Jason’s Box, Inc., to help service members while deployed and after their return. Programs include the Battle Buddies, in which veterans help other veterans deal with mental-health issues; “care packages” sent to deployed



service members and an initiative to help with the effects of PTSD. Efforts help lower barriers for those needing treatment, she said. For more: (309)737-3054 / terij@mchsi.com.

Joe is the interim director of Patriot Place, a veterans’ resource center in East Moline, which conducts four kinds of help for vets: the Battle Buddy program, Workforce Mentoring, Education & Training, and Warriors/Family Health, Welfare and Recreation. For the past two years, he has led efforts to bring injured veterans – some with multiple amputations – to the QC for all-expenses-paid hunting trips. Besides transportation, food and lodging, those expenses often mean buying specialized equipment to give the wounded warriors the mobility they need to go into the field, he explained. For more: 859-779-9676 / joseph.tirone23@gmail.com.

Announcements...

→**BRC-monogrammed Shirts: Kevin Kraft** will send in the order for about 40 polo-style shirts next week.

→**President’s Cup Challenge / 20th**

Run with Carl:

Walking teams have been formed up under the four team captains

– **Dimy Doresca, Andy Erpelding, Bill Daily and Heather Woods** – according to **Dick Schillig**.

[Unfortunately, his email with the team rosters got lost out there in cyberspace – so they’ll be published in the next issue.]



In the meantime, if you’re stepping off to the Challenge, record steps (or other exercise; see below) each day – and

report each Monday-to-Sunday week's total to your team captain by the following Tuesday.

Dick will make the first progress report at the July 16 meeting – and it will include steps from July 1-6 and 7-13.

To translate your steps or other activities, into miles use this key:

Walking: 2,100 steps = 1 RWC mile

Running/jogging: 1 mile = 2 RWC miles

Biking: 4 miles = 1 RWC mile

Swimming: 1 mile = 3 RWC miles

History with Harry...

(Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing on this date in years past...)



Today, Wednesday **July 9**, in this room: 2,912 egg-rolls ago in **1958**, the Motor Club of Iowa's Floyd L. Link narrated the film "The American Automobile." And, Fred Anderson's illustrious predecessor as club newsletter editor, Bob Owen, made his debut today: the first Bettendorf Rotary Bulletin was printed and mailed. (I really would appreciate it if anyone here could get a copy for me.)

I wish these records told more of the story because in **1969** there's a mystery. Half of Davenport Rotary joined Bettendorf today in 1969, and half our club made up at Davenport last week. The only clue I have is: today's program was "The Great Common Denominator" by "Eric of the Ramsey Advertising Agency." It must have been some talk. **Tom Howard** was there, but too sleep-

deprived to remember as his family welcomed a baby girl!

Ardo Holmgrain of Rock Island Rotary made up with us in **1975**, as he has almost every year since. He came for today's talk: "Psychic Surgery." I know, right? Your guess is as good as mine.

I had too good a time at this holiday weekend's parties to speak quickly enough to tell you what happened today in '86, '97 and '08. But in '03, **Frank Mitvasky** was awarded Rotarian of the Quarter for his work on the 'Centennial Booth.' And Carolyn Leutwyler, concluding our well lubricated 4th fundraiser, auctioned off the unsold 'big ass' turkey legs, as there was a small net-loss to be made up... something about liquid inventory shrinkage... Skoal! Proost! Nastrovje! Εις υγειάν! Chin-chin! Salut! L'chaim! Cheers, Mate! Repenting after hoisting a few on the 4th has a long Rotary tradition; today in **1980** Bob Bahrenburg's talk was: "On Alcohol." And that WAS the news!



Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

We'll find out after **Secretary Johanna** returns just how much \$\$ **Acting President Frank Mitvasky** collected... but he got more than the customary \$2 from: **John Rabine** – evoking **Doyle McCully**'s penchant for jokes, John related: "Jack Schmuck went to court to change his name. The judge asked, 'What do you want to change it to?'" Jack replied, 'Danny – I never did like Jack'." (amid the silence, and the occasional groan from a member, one could hear the

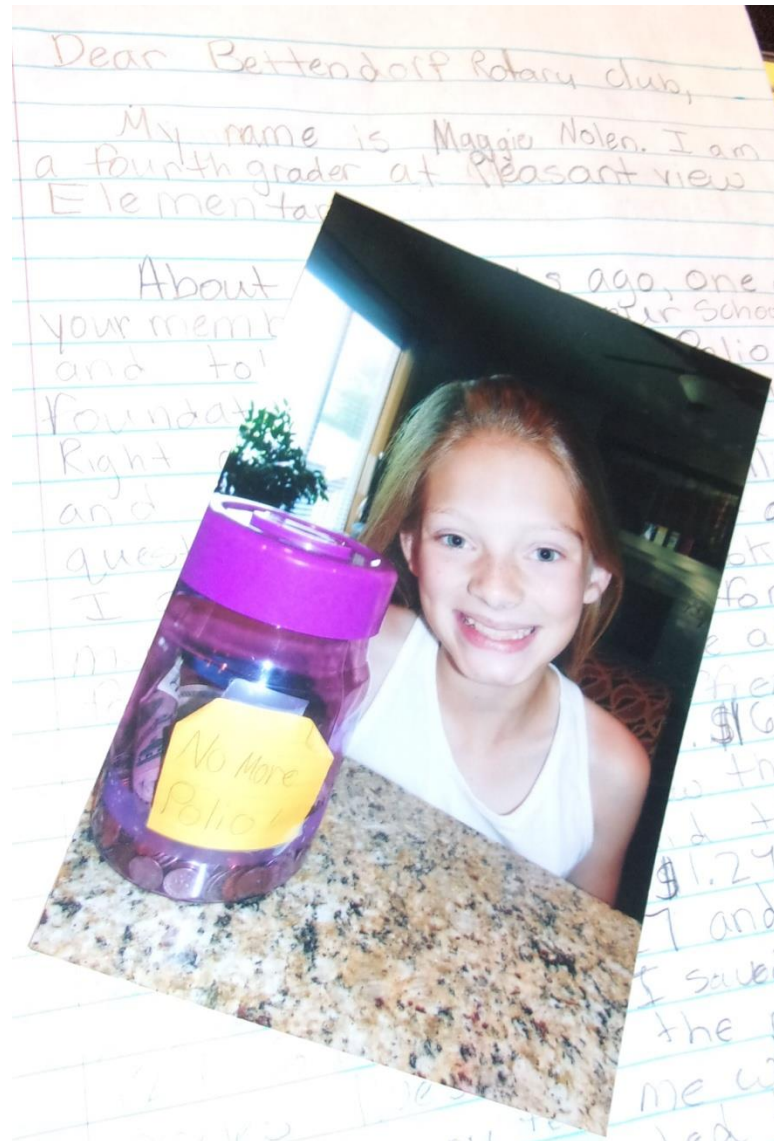
sound of crickets, thanks to **Scott Naumann**'s multi-talented laptop)... **Todd Larsen** – son's baseball team won the state tourney... **George Coin** – biked another 100 miles... **John DeDoncker** – birthday... **Jim Slavens** – enjoyed a reunion of about 20 family members... **Frank Mitvalsky** – about to launch the first Wisconsin canoe trip of the season.



The meeting opened...

Past-president Frank Mitvalsky (2005-06) called the meeting to order and noted that our 2014-15 president, **Sharon Sarver**, was on "a much needed vacation, after having been... on vacation" (a veiled reference, no doubt, to her trip to Sydney, Australia, to the Rotary International Convention – in contrast to his own presidential IR Convention trip to... Chicago). He led the assemblage in the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons**, led the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag." After Moments of Reflection and introductions, the songfest concluded with "Rotary own" and "Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah."

After the preliminaries, Frank read a letter from **Maggie Nolan**, a 4th grader at



Pleasant View Elementary School. After receiving her dictionary from a BRC member, she said, she learned more about Rotary's PolioPlus program – which motivated her to stage her own fundraising efforts and collect \$163.82. That amount, she noted, would pay for 127 doses of polio vaccine.

Moved by her letter, **Kevin Kraft** made a motion to invite Maggie to be our special guest at a future luncheon meeting; it was quickly seconded and passed unanimously.

Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

July 23: Kathy Mellen, University of Iowa, "If You Are What You Eat, Then What Should You Eat?"

July 30: Jodie Kavensky, Norma-Leah

Ovarian Cancer Foundation

Aug. 6: Mark Warner, University of Iowa, Student Financial Aid... Funding College

July 13: Dr. Steven Anderson, Aging Brain in the Workplace

July 20: Visit by District Governor John Ockenfels

Sept. 10: Dr. Dennis Marchiori, chancellor of Palmer College of Chiropractic

Jonna Schuler, standing in for Secretary Johanna Smith, introduced:



Guests:

Marianette Miller-Meeks, guest of **Linda Miller**
Christina Wall, guest of **Joe Tirone**
Patty Kenyon and Luke Staudt, intern at Edward Jones Financial, guests of **Tim Lane**

Visiting Rotarians:

Merle Anderson, Rotary Club of North Scott

Chuck Geisewite, Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, who has moved to Bettendorf and is eyeing joining BRC

Total attendance of 51 – 45 Bettendorf Rotarians, 2 visiting Rotarians and 4 guests



Missing today...

[To be reported after the return of **Secretary Johanna**, after her vacation]

BRC News staff...

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