



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 10, 2014, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at
Tanglewood Pavilion,
4250 Middle Road, Bettendorf

Learn more about how Hand-in-Hand serves kids

Hand-in-Hand is a Quad-Cities non-profit organization whose mission is to create “fun recreational and learning experiences for children and young adults, including those with disabilities, according to the organization’s Web site. **Mark Smith**, its director, is the scheduled speaker at our Dec. 17 meeting.



Hand-in-Hand programs “provide a growing number of services for both special- and typical-needs children 6 weeks

to 21 years of age. Hand-in-Hand is also expanding some activities to serve adults with disabilities.”

It plans its activities with the age and ability level of each individual in mind. “Children with a wide variety of mental, physical and medical needs are welcomed participants in our inclusive programs,” it says.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014



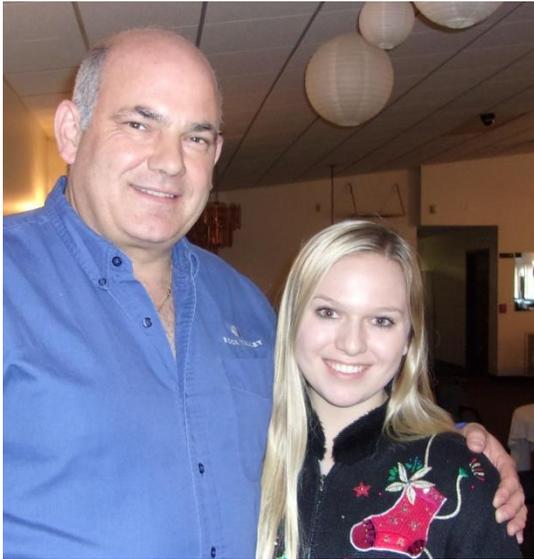
PV songsters serenade us...

In introducing members the Pleasant Valley High School Chamber Choir – who were our special guests at the Dec. 10 meeting – **Jim Spelhaug** took obvious pride in noting that 17 of the group’s members had been selected for the All-State Choir.

He introduced choir director **Meg Byrne** who led the 23 members present in singing an *a capella* medley of Christmas season favorites. They were “Carol of the Bells,” an English arrangement of the Austrian carol “Still, Still, Still,” a “mixed-meter” arrangement of “Deck the Halls” and a rousing “Joy to the World” – in which



BRC members were invited to join in singing verse 1.



After an intermission – during which the members of the ensemble introduced themselves – they sang “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

The group left to sing a second set of carols at the Bettendorf Masonic Nursing Home. But before they did, some members joined their parents – **Greg Blaske**; **Harry and Susan Coin**, and Grandpa **George Coin** – and “adopted dad” **Brad Morrison** – for a round of photos (all on this page).

Announcements...

➔ **January meetings: President Sharon** asked for ideas on meeting sites, since the new Hilton Garden Inn probably won’t be finished.

➔ **Messiah performances: Tom Howard** – who has sung in the chorus for many years – invited all to the 134th anniversary of Handel’s Oratorio at Augustana Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon; to order tickets:

<http://www.augustana.edu/arts/tickets>



➔ **Holiday baskets: Jonna Schuler** reported that volunteers have signed up to deliver baskets to all 15 families, including purchasing gifts for the children in those families. Besides thanking the volunteers, she announced that **Dr. Tom Olson** is donating a gift-wrapped toothbrush and toothpaste for each member of the recipient families.



➔ **LobsterFest planning:** Before the weekly meeting, **President Sharon** convened the first planning meeting for the June 13, 2015, event. While attendance was light – only **Sharon, Jennifer Garlach, Penny McGimpsey** and **Carl Loweth** earned make-ups for being there – they reviewed the event, summarized the work of each committee and discussed a number of prospective sponsors. **All BRC members** are asked

to add their ideas to that discussion. Many committee chairs and members from last year's successful event have already committed to repeat their roles.

➔ **And speaking of BRC's biggest fundraiser of the year:** The grant-awarding ceremony to disperse funds earned at the 2014 LobsterFest is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Tanglewood Pavilion. We will give away \$25,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations. Details of those organizations and the specific projects for the grants they receive will be announced closer to the event. **Jeff Hassel** heads the Charities Board, which makes the grants.

➔ **Pack 54 Pinewood Derby: Frank Mitvalsky** announced that our Cub Scout pack's

annual small-wooden-car race event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015. He asked for three volunteer



judges – and quickly got them. He said **Jim Spelhaug** is a former Derby champ and, in his honor, said he'd supply the wood, nails and wheels for any BRC member to enter in the Open Division.

➔ **Update your calendar:**

Holiday Social: The evening of **Thursday, Jan. 22**, at the Davenport Country Club – more details to come.

Red Badge Meeting: For all new members – whose badge still has a small red patch on it – it's scheduled for **6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10**, at Granite City.

December meetings: All at **Tanglewood Pavilion:** next Wednesday, Dec. 17, as usual... NOT Christmas Eve, Dec. 24... but we will meet for a social time on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.



Jon Ryan
Happy \$\$...
(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

Happy\$\$ poured in from: **Glenn Kass** – a reminder that Wednesday evening the smooth jazz Ben Sidron quartet was playing at the River Music Experience... **Tom Howard** – the Howards and the **Loweths** enjoyed Christmas at Purdue... **Jean Dickson** – her daughter is in the PVHS Choir, although not at today's performance... **Rich James** – (catching up after returning from time at his Colorado house:) good to be here... sad about BHS football loss at state... happy UNI beat North Dakota State and is 8-0 in basketball... **Decker Ploehn** – “for **Will Doland:** Utica Ridge is now open both ways and striped” + “since we can't all go, let's all chip in \$5 and support **Jim Spelhaug** as he represents us at the Pack 54 Pinewood Derby”... **Tim Lane** – wife just finished her second master's degree... **President Sharon** – thanks to **Decker** for conducting last week's meeting for her while she vacationed in Florida... + a \$10 self-fine for that “BHS” instead of “PVHS” *faux pas*... **Decker** – “\$45 so far backing **Jim's** Pinewood Derby car.”

The meeting opened...

Fresh from a Florida vacation, **President Sharon Sarver** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way

Test. **Tom Howard** – accompanied by **Scott Naumann**'s ubiquitous musical laptop – led the singing of “God Bless America.” **President Sharon** returned to the lectern lead the observance of Moments of Silence, when we learned of the passing of **David Franks**' mother. **President Sharon** thanked the staff of Tanglewood Pavilion for taking good care of us.

After **Acting Secretary Jonna Schuler** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests, Tom led the singing of “Jingle Bells” – so we could get quickly through the meeting and enjoy the concert by members of the Pleasant Valley High School Chamber Choir.



Acting Secretary Jonna Schuler introduced:
Visiting Rotarian: Ralph H Heninger, Davenport Rotary
Guests: Ami Wells, Susan Coin, Emily Veach and 23 student members of the PVHS Chamber

Choir plus choir director Peg Byrne.

All together, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians were joined by 1 visiting Rotarian and 27 guests, for a total of 77.



And at the end...
 ... of the meeting, **Tom Howard** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing

from among all those members who participated in Jon Ryan Happy \$\$.

Upcoming meetings...



... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:
Dec. 17: Mark Smith: Hand-to-Hand
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve – no meeting
Dec. 31: New

Year's Eve – **President Sharon** announced the (cash) bar at Tanglewood Pavilion will be open for an early welcome to 2015 with fellow Rotarians.

Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club
 Monday, noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
 Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline
 Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City
 Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center
Wednesday, noon: Bettendorf – Tanglewood Pavilion (during December)
 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 – Bierstube, Moline
 Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

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