



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, (not Dec. 24) at Tanglewood Pavilion

Skip Christmas Eve, but come 'n' see what's up on New Year's Eve...

President Sharon promised the (cash) bar at Tanglewood Pavilion would be open at the usual meeting time for an early welcome to 2015 with fellow Rotarians. From somewhere, the idea of Rotary Trivial Pursuit entered the discussion. Who knows, as this is being written, exactly what's going to happen? Drop in, loosen your tie, be open to what happens... and we'll see.

In any case, **Merry Christmas next week** (but *not* at Rotary)... and we'll wait and see what happens on that last noontime of 2014, *at* Rotary...



Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014



Possibilities at Hand-in-Hand

Opening his remarks to BRC at the Dec. 17 meeting with thanks for the club's grant-help with Hand-in-Hand's new elevator, Director **Mark Smith** spoke of it as a kind of metaphor for all of the organization's work. Saying the elevator every day helps some persons with mobility difficulties get from one level to another, like Hand-in-Hand itself "opens possibilities."

Relating anecdotes of how the organization serves "children and young

adults, some with disabilities, and their families – and gives them hope,” Mark said new services are being developed, or modified to help an individual. Its beneficiaries range from 6 weeks to 21



years old – and some activities extend to young adults.

He talked of one “non-verbal” child, who nevertheless finds

ways to communicate clearly. Without saying a word, Mark said, on the day each year when he goes to a Hand-in-Hand camp, “he gets his family up very early that morning to be sure he gets to that camp” – where he can participate to his full ability.

Hand-in-Hand “helps families overcome obstacles to being able to take advantage of its services and lead a more normal life,” Mark said. For example, a mother of a child with a disability “can have a job, run errands and help other kids with their homework – that is, keep on track” – all while leaving the one child who has special needs at Hand-in-Hand for several hours, knowing he or she is safe.



Mark mentioned two of the organization’s activities of special interest: The Special Needs Resource Expo, on a Saturday morning in spring,

brings together many kinds of programs for families looking for help with children with physical or mental disabilities.

Its main fundraiser, the Chili Cookoff, features spicy competition among chili fans 2:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the New Fair Center, on the west side of the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport. Tickets are \$10 at the door – and one main activity is tasting the free chili samples at booths. Learn more: <http://www.handinhandqc.org/chilicookoff.php>.



New member induction...

Dave Falk inducted new member **Carol Foster** into the club. Carol

began working at the Handicapped Development Center 30 years ago. As vice president of resource development, she is responsible for fund raising, securing grants, coordinating volunteers and conducting public relations. Her husband of 32 years works with the Davenport Community School System. She was sponsored by **Jeff Hassel** and said she joined Bettendorf Rotary because “they said this was the one the cool kids join.”





Presentation...

➔ **Thanks to Gail Baldwin...** for her excellent accompaniment skills, on a variety of keyboards, “a little Holiday gift,” a Rotary necklace – the Rotary Wheel and a heart – and a Biaggi’s gift certificate, presented by (who else?) **Tom Howard**.

Announcements...

➔ **Dec. 31 and January meetings:** All except Jan. 28 (see below) at **Tanglewood Pavilion** – Dec. 31, early New Year’s Eve with some Rotary-flavored fun. See farther below for January meeting details.

➔ **Jan. 28 meeting:** The annual grant-awarding ceremony to disperse funds earned at the 2014 LobsterFest will be Wednesday, Jan. 28, at **Waterfront Convention Center**. We will give away \$25,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations. Details will be announced closer to the event. **Jeff Hassel** heads the Charities Board.

➔ **Holiday Party:** By email, **Secretary Johanna** asked for reservations – “at your earliest convenience so food and beverages can be planned” – for the 2015 Bettendorf Rotary Holiday Party, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Davenport Country Club. She promised “an evening of fellowship as we celebrate the accomplishments of 2014 and toast to 2015,” at which “guests are invited and encouraged to attend.” Appetizers will be provided with a cash bar available. Cost is \$10 per person, and you can pay either at the door or at any weekly meeting before the event. **Reservations or questions: 760-458-1218 / [Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com).**

History with Harry...
(Harry Coin looks through BRC archives to discover what the club was doing in years past...)



Well here we are, Christmas season, looking back at so many memories, getting ready for this year’s holiday and doing all we can to generate more and better possibilities for those whose hair is more pepper, less salt.

When we were younger, the days approaching Christmas seemed as weeks in anticipation of the hoped-for gifts. Of course, being future Rotarians we were careful to write down who gave us what so we could write our many thank you notes, get them all in the mail before New Year’s Day, right? Sure.

There is payback for those you forgot to thank. **Bob Gallagher, S.K. Nanda, Rich James and Tom Howard, Jim Slavens and Steve Piart** were here

today in **1989** when they heard the results of the club's efforts to end the horrific disease, polio. 70% of the world's children remained at risk. All our



Bettendorf Rotary members made a five-year pledge commitment to give a gift that would result in no thanks whatever from hundreds of thousands – most of whom would never so much as be aware, much less remember, it was

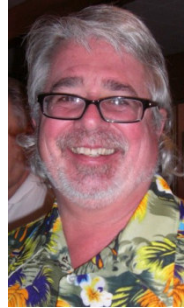
because of Rotarians they were spared years of daily suffering and early death. It was the goal announced here in 1989 to eradicate polio by the year 2000. We didn't make it.

In April 2011, Davenport Rotarian Brock Earnhardt came here to tell of his "safari" to Nigeria the previous year to dispense polio vaccines. Two years later there were fewer than 250 cases of polio worldwide.

There are Gifts, with a capital G, and there are gifts with a small g. There are givers, with a small g, and there are Givers who go unthanked and



unremembered though they saved lives. This season, at heart, is to appreciate Givers with a capital G, and in our small way aim to join them. As the song goes: "... to follow that star...."



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

Happy\$\$ – specifically \$217 – came especially from: **Harry** (\$10) and **George Coin** (\$20) – Harry's youngest is going to Northwestern University (proud George's *alma mater*)... **Jennifer Garlach** – happy for 20th anniversary for QC Boys and Girls Club... **Ann Kappeler** – **Greg Blaske** hurts me... but my foot is doing much better... **Tim Downing** – \$5 for ISU over UI in last Friday's basketball game [90-75, if you didn't catch it...!] ... and after some heckling, "OK, \$15 for the points"... (ISU alumna) **Kris Stone** – \$15 more... **Craig Windmiller** – and \$5 more... **Rich James** – \$\$ for UNI's chance to join ISU with a "w" over Iowa U + soon going to Colorado... **Tim Lane** – (seeking some kind of "w" for his Hawkeyes, apparently): "Iowa's actually a wrestling state"... **Rick Hartsock** – an *ad lib* audible only to those around him...



The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test, Pledge of Allegiance to

the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered: **Steve Piart's** sister, who had passed... **Carl Loweth's** mother, who is hospitalized... **Lee Marbach's** father, who had passed... and our own **Glenn Kass**, who was in hospital for surgery (plus **Secretary Johanna**, who came to the meeting so soon after surgery).

Tom Howard – accompanied by **Gail Baldwin** on keyboard – led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” After introductions, they ramped up the Holiday spirit with 2 verses of “Deck the Halls” and one of “O Little Town of Bethlehem” – finishing with Merry Christmas wishes... including those from **James** and **Ying Mu**, who had been spotted at the mall.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

Guests:

Mark Smith, Hand-In-Hand (speaker)

Gail Baldwin (accompanist)

All together, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

And at the end...



... of the meeting, **George Coin** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing (for the 2nd time) 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. 24: Christmas Eve – no meeting
Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve – welcome the New Year early with

Rotary friends and fun (still being planned at press-time); (cash) bar **Holiday Party, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6-9 p.m.**, Davenport country Club
Red Badge meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 10 – 6-7:30 p.m.: Granite City



Missing...

(Number in parentheses: total meetings missed since July 1, 2014):

- Arndt (24), Bibik (15), Bowe (24), Bush (25), Chambers (10), DeDoncker (18), Dobesh (10), Ellstrom (25), Erpelding (20), Featherstone (19), Fopma (3), Franks (18), Gallagher, Sr. (15), Gause (14), Gudgel (18), Habenicht (19), Hassel (14), Hill (13), Hinton (22), Hipple, (21), Hurd (13), Kass (2), Kennedy (25), Kraft, Larsen (15), Limberg (13), Lokenvitz (10), Love-Sherrick (8), McGimpsey (11), McWilliams (22), Mannhardt (4), Mannix (23), Miller, L. (12), Morrison (5), Naeve (22), Nanda (3), Nelson (25), Olson (11), Oswald (12), Ross (10), Salm (25), Saul (12), Schutte (6), Scranton (22), Slavens (7), Sorenson (7), Tirone (13), Vollbrecht (20), Werner (25), Willsher (21), Worley (24)

Make-ups...

Scott Naumann, Read to Succeed
George Coin, Happy to Have a Make Up
Rich James, Summit County, Colo., Rotary
Board of Directors meeting: Sharon Sarver,
Kevin Kraft, Jonna Schuler, Theron Schutte,
Chelsea Powers, Jim Spelhaug, Laurie
Dobesh



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

BRC News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson
Photographer: Harry Coin (with special
thanks because his smart phone was ready
when Fred’s camera ran all out of charge)
Correspondent, Web-site host: Johanna
Smith

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>

Rotary project curbs indoor air pollution, a huge health threat

After decades dreaming about the Himalayas, Rotary member George Basch went on his first trek through the mountains in 2001, when he was 64. A member of the Rotary Club of Taos-Melagro in New Mexico, USA, Basch found that the experience was even more than he had hoped.

“My expectations were high, and dramatically exceeded,” he remembers. But a less-than-pleasant aspect of the experience was the indoor smoke pollution he encountered in the guest houses and private homes he visited. Many families in the Himalayas use rudimentary cookstoves or, in some cases, an open fire pit inside the home....

It turns out that the smoke is not only bothersome, it’s downright dangerous. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.3 million deaths in 2012 were linked to indoor air pollution in households where cooking is done over coal, wood, and [biomass stoves](#). More than half of the deaths were among children under age 5....

After a second trip to the region in 2009, Basch decided he had to do something.... Basch, an engineer by training, tracked down a clean-burning cookstove made by a company in Colorado and met with the inventors to determine whether the stove would be a good fit in Nepal. The Himalayan Stove Project kicked off with delivery of four dozen stoves to Nepal in 2010.... To date, his project has provided more than 3,000 stoves. [Read more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/news-features/indoor-air-pollution-linked-millions-deaths>]

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