



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

**Countdown to BRC
grants continues...**

The Jan. 21 meeting concludes the series of updates from community organizations that received BRC grants a year ago. Next week, we convene at the Waterfront Convention Center to award \$25,000 in new grants. At this meeting, our scheduled guests are:

→**Project Renewal**, whose primary purpose is “to be a positive presence for the children and families in our low-income neighborhood of Davenport”
<http://www.projectrenewal.net/>

→**Bettendorf Family Museum**, which seeks to “inspire, connect, and strengthen our community by enriching the lives of our children today and expanding their capacity to shape their future” through many creative learning experiences
<https://www.familymuseum.org/>

→**American Red Cross of the Quad Cities**, whose nearly 800 volunteers donate more than 50,000 hours of service to help people in need in 11 counties of Iowa and Illinois surrounding the QC – and, when needed, throughout the U.S.
<http://www.redcross.org/il/moline>

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015



**Jobs network key
help for victims**

Because economic abuse – controlling a victim’s financial resources – is the main barrier that prevents a victim of domestic abuse from escaping, Family Resources introduced the Employer Network for Survivors as an aspect of its SafePath Survivor Resources, said **Nicole Cisne Durbin**, the program’s director.

Domestic abusers often control financial resources to control their victims, Nicole explained. It could take many forms, she said, from simply making a spouse quit a job to stay home with the children to secretly ruining a woman’s credit rating.

Rotarians can help sexual and domestic abuse victims break away from their abuser, she said at the Jan. 14 meeting, by becoming involved in the Employer Network. Her agency serves women, predominantly, with all levels of experience and education, she emphasized, “and they all need jobs.” Rotarians can help, she added:

- if you have a job opening,
- if you know of a job opening in another company,
- by helping spread awareness of the need for hiring abuse victims.



SafePath Survivor Resources provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Scott, Clinton, Jackson, Louisa and Rock Island counties, Nicole said. It operates a 54-bed shelter and offers such other free and confidential services as:

- Emergency crisis response...
 - Individual and group counseling...
 - Counseling for “non-offending significant others and families”...
 - Advocacy and support during evidence collection...
 - Legal and medical advocacy...
- ... For any woman, child or man who has been victimized, she said.

During 2014 the agency served more than 6,000 individual clients, in response to more than 5,600 crisis calls, Nicole said.

To become involved in the Employer Network for Survivors, or for more information, contact Nicole at 563-468-2326 or ncisne@famres.org.



Presentation...

→**Appreciation: Tom Howard and President Sharon Sarver** presented a “holiday treat” to **Ruth Symmons** for her ongoing piano accompaniment for BRC singing. Playing for Bettendorf Rotary is “a highlight of my week,” she said.

Announcements...

→**Next week, Jan. 21:** For the noon meeting we’ll return to **Tanglewood Pavilion**. We’ll adjourn for a few hours and then...

→**Holiday Party: ...** The Bettendorf Rotary Holiday Party is 6-9 p.m. at the Davenport Country Club. The Great Ugly Sweater competition continues from last year – and they don’t have to have a Christmas theme. Cost is \$10 per person. If you haven’t already RSVPed, stop reading right now and call **760-458-1218** or [Johanna M Smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_M_Smith@hotmail.com).



→**Jan. 28 meeting:** The annual grant-awarding ceremony, when we’ll give away \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations, is scheduled to **begin at 11:30 a.m. at Waterfront Convention Center**.

→ **February meetings:** In February we'll meet each Wednesday noon at the **Davenport Country Club**, except...



→ **Feb. 25 meeting:** ... We'll meet at the **Waterfront Convention Center** for **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** annual Bettendorf "State of the City" address.

→ **Red Badge meeting:** The Red Badge meeting – when members with a red tag on their name badge learn more about Rotary and BRC – will be **6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Granite City.** Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available.

→ **Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round:** BRC will compete in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round Rotary Cup Challenge, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Davenport RiverCenter. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact **Scott Naumann** for more information or to sign up (**445-4260 / scottn@midlandcom.com**).



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

Among the few thousand pages of BRC minutes I scanned in was a brochure, "Bettendorf Rotary 1957-1980." That was the first effort I could find our club

made to assess, condense then present our history. I can barely feature a small slice of a few meetings in one of my talks but these folks are from "the greatest generation" – they dust off 23 years in a few pages!

The spirit of the club has stayed much the same as it was when John Freund said in his preface: "Fellowship, friendship and the interaction among members are the forces that make Rotary run."

Our closeness with local education, including valued members working as headmasters and public school officials, began at our founding with Bettendorf High School Principal Bob Owens. In 1959, today's multi-decade members **Tim Downing** and **Jim Slavens** were at that time student guests.

Our club always had a lighthearted character. When a meeting's featured speaker canceled on then president Ken Horstmann, he introduced the last-minute replacement with: "After scraping the bottom of the barrel for today's program we have..." Ouch! In the 1960s a member said: "Where else can you get a piece of cake and a birthday song for a dollar?"

Among all the pages of history in the brochure, the short quote that stood out in my mind was: "It is the policy of Rotary to lend its help and co-operation to worthy enterprises through the participation of its members as individuals. Although Rotary is not a charitable institution, financial aid is frequently given.... The commitment to service and square dealing with customers, fellow citizens and community is the glue that binds Rotarians and Rotary clubs throughout the world."

And that WAS the news!!



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

President Sharon collected \$259 from, especially, **Todd Ashby** – thanks, fellow Rotarians, for support and help during some recent life changes... **Joe Tirone** – thanks to BRC for its \$2,500 grant for Jason’s Box – which soon will help support the 8th and 9th wounded soldiers who are coming here to hunt... **Scott Naumann** – plugged the next morning’s networking breakfast, his role as host and speaker Dale Stein... **Todd Larsen** – recalling last week’s speaker, Joyce Klopp, thanks for the grant to Lydia Home, through which the Larsens have provided a safe home for “6 or 7 young ladies from troubled families”... **Harry Coin** – son, who has been so sick for the last 6 years, is in his 3rd day of classes at Loyola... **Dick Schillig** – 235 days to the 21st Run with Carl – the first after the era with the Schilligs at the helm + anticipating the ugly sweater party.

The meeting opened...

President Sharon Sarver rang the bell, called the meeting to order, and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Tom Howard** led the singing of “America the Beautiful,” accompanied by pianist **Ruth Symmons**. During Moments of Silence, we learned of the death of **Tim Lane**’s uncle and that **Laurie Hutcheson**’s mother faces surgery.

After introductions, Tom and Ruth returned to lead us in singing “Rotary Ideals” and “Edelweis.”



In other BRC news...

➔**LobsterFest meeting:** Gathering before the weekly membership meeting, the 2015 LobsterFest Committee goes over details of Bettendorf Rotary’s No. 1 fundraising event. Early planning includes reviewing last year’s event to look for fine-tuning opportunities and brainstorming for potential new sponsors.



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced:

Visiting Rotarian:

Nicole Cisne Durbin, Family Resources SafePath and Moline Rotary (speaker)

Guests:

Ruth Symmons, pianist
Dale Stein, guest of **Scott Naumann**

All together, 54 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 2 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Todd Larsen** 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: **Jan 21:** Continuing 2014 grant award updates: Project Renewal, Bettendorf Family Museum and American Red Cross of QC are the scheduled guests.

Also **Jan. 21, Holiday Party**, 6-9 p.m., Davenport Country Club

Jan 28: 2015 Grant Award Ceremony, Waterfront Convention Center

Feb. 10: (Tuesday) Red Badge meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.: Granite City



Missing...

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

Arndt (27), Bowe (27), Bush (28), Chambers (13), Coin, G., Daugherty (10), Death (9), Dickson (17), Dobesh (12), Doresca (6), Duda (17), Eikenberry (24), Ellstrom (28), Erpelding (23), Featherstone (22), Felsing (12), Gallagher, Jr. (10), Gause (16), Gudgel (21), Habenicht (22), Heninger (13), Hill (16), Hinton (25), Hipple, (24), Hurd (16), Kappeler (10), Kennedy (28), Limberg (165), Lizak (13), Loweth (7), McWilliams (25), Mannhardt (7), Mannix (26), Miller, L. (15), Mitvalsky (13), Naeve (25), Nelson (28), Oswald (14), Ross (12), Rutherford (3), Salm (28), Saul (15), Scranton (25), Slavens (8), Sorenson (8), Vollbrecht (23), Werner (28), Worley (27)

Make-ups...

Todd Ashby, North Scott Rotary
Todd Larsen, Happy to Have a Make Up

Board Meeting: Sharon Sarver, Kevin Kraft, Jonna Schuler, Chelsea Powers, Bill Daley, Laurie Dobesh, Tim Lane, Ryan Bell, Jim Spelhaug, Theron Schutte

LobsterFest Meeting: Ryan Bell, Sharon Sarver, Jonna Schuler, Tim Lane, Chelsea Powers, Cathy Duda, Penny McGimpsey, Bill Daley, Kevin Kraft

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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