

THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, March 4, 2015,
at the **Tanglewood Pavilion**

Get some inside info on filmmaking in Iowa



If you want to learn about the film industry in Iowa – and especially the Quad Cities – **Doug Miller** is the guy to

ask. He’s our scheduled speaker at the March 4 meeting – signaling our return for a month to Tanglewood Pavilion.

Doug “assisted in the creation of the original Iowa Film Office as a member of its advisory board and as a board member of the Iowa Department of Economic Development,” according to the Iowa Motion Picture Association. In addition, he “was honored with one of the first Iowa Film Awards, served as one of the founders of the Iowa Motion Picture Association and was elected as its first president.”

J. Douglas Miller was born, raised and educated in the Quad Cities and began his career as an usher at the RKO Orpheum Theatre in Davenport.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015



State of Bett.: ‘overall healthy’

Mayor Bob Gallagher on Feb. 18 delivered his State of the City Address from the Waterfront Convention Center during the time Bettendorf Rotary normally would have its weekly meeting. Before an audience comprising members of BRC, Bettendorf Kiwanis, the Quad Cities Chamber, Bettendorf Business Network, city officials and other interested citizens, he described the vision that Bettendorf is “the premier city in which to live” and “how we get there.”

He described how community leaders get input from citizens – through “listening sessions” and surveys – and “recruit” future leaders from the ranks of citizens who complete “Bettendorf 101,” the “citizen academy” that acquaints participants with how every facet of the city works.



Based on that input, city leaders set specific goals to be met under the broad goals set out in the “2023” long-range plan. Mayor Bob described those broad goals – and the most recent achievements or most immediate objectives under each:

Financially sound city providing quality city services: The last time the city issued bonds, he reported, Moody’s Investors Service rated Bettendorf Aa2 reflecting “the city’s sound financial operations supported by healthy reserves and significant revenue flexibility.”

To deserve such a comment, Mayor Bob said, the city shows stable revenue, growth in single-family homes and lots of room to grow tax income, if needed, because it has one of the lowest general fund levy rates among Iowa cities (nearly \$3 below the state-mandated \$8.10 limit). Bettendorf ranks No. 5 among Iowa cities for per capita taxable value, and its median residential property taxes are the QC’s lowest, he added.

Orderly growth and quality

development: Mayor Bob pointed to business developments in the city, including new businesses and impending ground-breakings in the area near 18th Street and 53rd Avenue; improvements and additions to Utica Ridge and Forest Grove roads and Tanglefoot Lane, and other infrastructure projects downtown, along Crow Creek and Hopewell Avenue.

Bettendorf issued 175 single-family home building permits in 2014, he said.

These developments and more, he pointed out, are occurring according to land-use plans – reflecting citizen input.

Growing current businesses and attracting new businesses: The mayor described areas of the city where during 2014 businesses were added or improved and city amenities were upgraded: the Duck Creek Plaza area, Learning Campus and Utica Ridge corridor. The I-80-Middle Road area and downtown are



slated for significant improvement work, he said. The Beaver Meadows development on 53rd Avenue will be the city’s first to be supplied with FTTH (fiber optics to the homes).

Riverfront/Downtown development-destination for entertainment and living: As the I-74 bridge project continues, plans call for improving the downtown streetscape, “creating something cool across the street from the Waterfront Convention Center,” attracting more new business, assisting existing ones, expanding and creating events and generally making downtown and the riverfront “a destination the Quad Cities can be proud of,” he said.

Premier Place to live in the Quad Cities: Plans stretch 20 years into the future, the mayor said, with intentions to continue expansion of such amenities as parks, bike trails and festivals.

Summing up, he concluded, “Overall, the city of Bettendorf is healthy.”



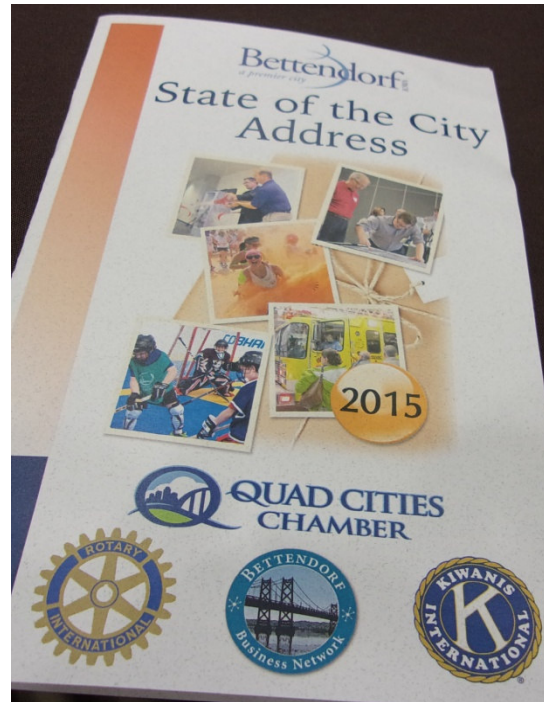
Announcements...

→ **March meetings:** We’ll return to **Tanglewood Pavilion** for the entire month of membership meetings. If you can’t remember any of the dates, check your February calendar...

The meeting opened...

Past President Scott Naumann, standing in for **President Sharon Sarver**, welcomed those assembled to

hear **Mayor Bob Gallagher’s** address and served as master of ceremonies.



Bettendorf Kiwanis President **Kristin Crawford** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Rev. **Richard Pokora**, of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and representing the Bettendorf Business Network, delivered the invocation.

Tara Barney, CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber, introduced the mayor.

Secretary Johanna Smith documented Guests & visiting Rotarians...

Visiting Rotarians:

Rick Best, Davenport Rotary
Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Guests:

Susan Gallagher, guest of **Bob Gallagher Sr.**
Jen Stine, guest of **Bob Gallagher Jr.**
Dave Sheffield, guest of **John DeDoncker**
Patrick LeVesque, guest of **Mike Lizak**

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, joined by 4 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.

Upcoming meetings...

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

March 4: Doug Miller, Iowa film historian

March 11: John DeDoncker, "State of the Economy"

March 18: Tom Bley, Camp Shalom

March 25: open

April 1: Aaron Tennant, Tennant Truck Lines: Truckers' Image and Economics

April 8: Kai Swanson, "Masterworks VI: Peace and Brotherhood Ode to Joy" (The QCSO Masterworks Series is being performed in April)

April 15: Judd Hulting, Patriot Renewable Fuels, Annawan, Ill.



Missing...

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

Bell, Blaske (9), Bowe (33), Bush (34), Chambers (17), Coin, G. (7), Dickson (21), Dobesh (18), Downing (6), Duda (20), Eikenberry (26), Ellstrom (34), Erpelding (29), Featherstone (27), Fopma (5), Foster, Franks (22), Gudgel (26), Habenicht (26), Hartsock (20), Hill (21), Hinton (31), Hurd (22), Kappeler (10), Kennedy (34), Limberg (21), Lokenvitz (13), Love-Sherrick (10), Loweth (11), McGimpsey (14), McWilliams (31), Martinez (15), Miller, L. (21), Morrison (6), Naeve (31), Nelson (31), Olson (15), Oswald (19), Rutherford (5), Salm (34), Sarver, Saul (21), Schutte (7), Scranton (30), Slavens (11), Spelhaug (4), Tirone (17), Werner (34), Willsher (28), Worley (33)

Make-ups...

Dick Schillig, Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary
Todd Larsen, Rotary Club of Moline

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 – Club Rm., HyVee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, 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 March)

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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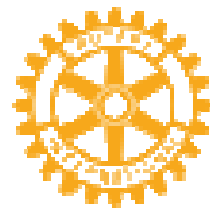
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