



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015,
at Tanglewood Pavilion

Learn about U of Iowa’s Mobile Museum program

“The University of Iowa Mobile Museum launched in 2014 as a partnership between the UI vice president for research and economic development, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the UI Museum of Natural History, and the Old Capitol Museum,” according to the UI Web site.



“The Mobile Museum inspires visitors to understand the world by bringing exhibits with cutting-edge research, one-of-a-kind artifacts, and interactive digital media to Iowa’s communities statewide. We promote interdisciplinary partnerships and collaborations to present UI research and stimulate understanding, appreciation, and pride for the University of Iowa and the state.” Exhibits include Iowans in WWII and scientific topics.

Last meeting:
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BRC displays its ‘gifts to world’

Drawing the theme for the Club Assembly at the Aug. 26 meeting from this year’s national motto – “Be a Gift to the World “ – **President Kevin Kraft** introduced the current Board of Directors, outlined the 2015-16 budget and described highlights of how Bettendorf Rotary delivers on that motto.

Board members present each summarized the duties of their position:

→**Ryan Bell**, vocational services: selecting Rotarian of the quarter and coordinating meeting programs focusing on members’ vocational talks

→**Bill Daley**, community service: coordinating the Christmas and thanksgiving basket deliveries to needy Bettendorf families and heading up other projects of service to the community

→**Tim Lane**, club service and international service: heading this year’s Golf Outing and coordinating the club’s project to provide potable water to a village in Haiti

→**Jim Slavens**, ex-officio board member to lead new-member recruitment: “You

all are subcommittee members” in this effort

→**Jonna Schuler**, president-elect: shadow President Kevin as he carries out his presidency – especially in budgeting, learn more about the president’s job at District 6000 seminars and workshops, head special projects

→**Club Secretary Johanna Smith**: “do everything else that the board doesn’t do,” Kevin said.

The board also comprises **Jim Spelhaug** and **Theron Schutte**, youth service; **S.K. Nanda**, Rotary Foundation; **Sharon Sarver**, past president and vice president; and **Laurie Dobesh**, treasurer.



During his presentation, President Kevin announced that **Kristine Stone** has volunteered to chair the all-important LobsterFest event committee. “I’m also looking for a

co-chair,” Kristine said.

The 2015-2016 budget projects income of \$83,215, Kevin reported, with dues covering \$76,000 of that total. The remaining income will come from John Ryan Happy \$\$ (about \$14,500) and miscellaneous sources, with \$9,500 automatically transferred to the club’s foundation. Overall income of just more than \$106,000 will include a projected \$60,000 from LobsterFest and \$5,000 from the Golf Outing.

Project expenses of \$22,800 will go to the LobsterFest, Golf Outing, holiday baskets, Run with Carl, dictionaries to all 4th graders in Bettendorf, Polio Plus, the new-member and international service

projects, Betten-do project, Iowa M.O.S.T. (Miles of Smiles to repair children’s cleft palates), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) students and other services to the community.

Total expenses projected at \$68,725 will go to meals, the Rotary Foundation, the president’s attendance at the International Convention, District 6000 dues, the Red Badge meeting for new members, Holiday Party expenses, the club secretary’s salary, and various supplies, fees and postage.

Net income expected to equal \$37,290 will fund charitable grants to community agencies and scholarships – with some left over.

In the 8 years since the first LobsterFest, Bettendorf Rotary has made \$179,000 in charitable grants to 88 organizations and \$52,000 in scholarships to grads of Bettendorf’s 3 high schools and Scott Community College.



President Kevin explained how a member’s dues are divided among: Rotary International, for *The Rotarian* subscription and membership expenses; District 6000 dues; Paul Harris Fellowship contribution, and lunches at weekly meetings.

To conclude his report, he displayed all the ways BRC is “A Gift to the World” – all of the programs mentioned in his report, plus Coats for Kids, marshaling at the John Deere Classic, Read to Succeed volunteering in elementary schools, and more.



Rotarian of the quarter...

Vocational Chairman **Ryan Bell** – noting her outstanding job of “getting seats into the seats” at LobsterFest, presented **Penny McGimpsey** the Rotarian of the Quarter award for all her work coordinating the key job of ticket sales.



New member induction...

→**Gary Mohr**: **S.K. Nanda** (aided by President Kevin) inducted Bettendorf Alderman-at-Large **Gary Mohr** into membership. During his “2 minutes” of

free personal time – which S.K. timed at just under 4 minutes – Gary talked about the 4 sons to whom he and Jane, his wife of 33 years, are parents. They live in Bettendorf, Coralville and Altoona, Iowa, and are parents to Gary and Jane’s 4 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and one on the way. Gary spent 41 years in higher education, much of it in the Eastern Iowa Community College district and at Palmer College of Chiropractic. He is a past chairman of the Riverboat Development Commission and has served on Iowa state boards. In 2016 he plans to run for the Iowa House seat that will be vacated by **Linda Miller**.

Announcements...

→**Rotary ‘Operation Warm Coats’**: Pledges are due for the District 6000 Operation Warm Coats project to buy winter coats for needy Iowa children. Checks should be made payable to District 6000 H.E.F. Bettendorf Rotarians have pledged more than \$2,800.

→**Golf Outing: Tim Lane** urged last year’s hole sponsors to consider repeating this year – they’re just \$100. He also reminded members to sign up their foursomes – the Golf Outing is a fun way for BRC members to introduce guests to the club. The Golf Outing replaces the meeting of **Wednesday, Sept. 9**, at Palmer Hills Golf Club. Tee times start at 11 a.m. The fee for 18 holes of golf with cart rental is \$40 for Rotarians, \$50 for non-Rotarians. Dinner begins about 6 p.m. at the Pavilion – it’s free for Bettendorf Rotarians, just \$10 per guest. Contact **Tim** at **320-9161** or timlane7@gmail.com.

→**BRC’s philanthropy awarded**: Bettendorf Rotary Club will receive the Civic Duty Award from the QC chapter of the Association of Fundraising

Professionals, **Carol Foster** announced. The award will be presented during the AFP's National Philanthropy Day luncheon in November, in recognition of the club's charitable giving, scholarship awards and volunteerism, which "has impacted countless people throughout the Quad Cities," she added. Carol and then-**President Sharon Sarver** worked together to prepare BRC's nomination for the award.



Sharon Sarver and Carol Foster announced the news of BRC's Civic Duty Award.



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

President Kevin Kraft collected \$398 with significant portions of it coming from: **John Sherrick** – welcome to the club, **Gary Mohr**... **Decker Ploehn** – Gary should be fined \$20 for his "way too long" remarks + just back from a vacation in Nowhere, Neb.... **Pat Eikenberry** – happy **Mayor Bob Gallagher** is running for re-election – and Bob for Mayor T-shirts will be on sale at Run with Carl... **Jennifer Garlach** – her kids now have **Glen Kass**'s extensive collection of sports memorabilia... **Laurie Hutcheson** – the



big boot on her leg came from "just me being me," and the doctor's waiting for the swelling to go down before X-rays... **Tom Howard** – "I didn't get the cast on my(broken) thumb from singing"... **Bill Daley** – his Mom is doing OK after surgery... **Penny McGimpsey** – thanks for the Rotarian of the Quarter award + "\$29 for my birthday"... **Dick Schillig** – "only 11 days to Labor Day and the 21st annual Run with Carl – check the video of last year's run on the Web site"... **Rich James** – glad to be back after 2 months in Colorado + you're welcome for the recent Colorado weather + 48th anniversary and 50th high school reunion coming up, so "round it to \$100"... **Dave Deuth** – happy the I-74 bridge is open again so funeral processions to the

Arsenal Cemetery go smoothly again...
President Kevin – “happy my wife and daughter are here today.”

The meeting opened...

President Kevin Kraft sharply struck the bell three times with a knife (he shared his suspicion that **Mark Ross**, last week’s stand-in preside, may know more about the gavel’s whereabouts), called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, aided by **Scott Naumann**’s tuneful laptop, led the patriotic song, “ This Is My Country.” President Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moments of Silence.

After Introductions, Tom led a brief songfest: “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry” and “Happy Days Are Here Again” – hoping for a better day on Wall Street.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Tom Bley, Maquoketa Rotary
Marcia Brandt, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Lauren Kraft, guest of **Kevin Kraft** (daughter)
Sue Kraft, guest of **Kevin Kraft** (wife)
Ben Carlson, Camp Shalom, guest of Tom Bley
Father Jason Crossen, Our Lady of Lourdes, guest of **Dick Schillig**

Overall, 61 Bettendorf Rotarians attended the meeting and were joined by 4 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Penny McGimpsey** won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.

Missing today...

Bibik, Boeye, Bush, DeDoncker, Dickson, Dobesh, Downing, Duda, Dugan, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Hassel, Hinman, Hintermeister, Hinton, Hipple, Hurd, Lizak, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mitvalskey, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Pieart, Ross, Rutherford, Saul, Schmidt, Schmit, Schutte, Scranton, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Webster, Wells, Werner, Willsher, Windmiller

Make-ups...

Rich James, Summit County, Colo., Rotary (7)

Upcoming meetings...



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

Sept. 2: University of Iowa Mobile Museum

Sept. 9: Golf Outing and steak fry, Palmer Hills Golf Course

Sept. 16: Kelly Thompson, Teens for

Tomorrow (Community Foundation Youth Driven Philanthropy)

Oct. 14: Mike Whalen, Heart of America Restaurants and Inns

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