



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
June 29, 2016, issue

## Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at  
Tanglewood Pavilion

## John DeDoncker recalls 100-mile Colorado race

Our own John DeDoncker has completed the Leadville Trail 100

**Run** (also known as **The Race Across The Sky** or the **LT100**), an ultra-marathon held each August on trails and dirt roads near Leadville, Colo. He and running pal John Byrne will relate some of their grueling experiences at the July 6 meeting.

First run in 1983, the LT100 sends runners climbing and descending 15,600 feet (that's

2.95 miles up and down!), with elevations ranging between 9,200 and 12,620 feet. (Take a moment to catch your breath before reading on.) The course is 50 miles out-and-back, starting at 10,200 feet. The centerpiece of the course is the climb up to Hope Pass at 12,620 feet – which runners encounter on both the outbound and return legs.

In most years, fewer than half the starters complete the race within the 30-hour time limit. [Thanks to Wikipedia for the background info.]



## Last meeting:

Wednesday, June 29, 2016



## Jonna Schuler takes the gavel

Outgoing **President Kevin Kraft** began his farewell remarks with a brief memorial to three members who died during his year: **Glenn Kass, Bill Harvey** (the last of the founders) and **Rev. Gene Miller**.

After introducing the members of the Board who served with him, he listed the Bettendorf Rotary's accomplishments for 2015-16:

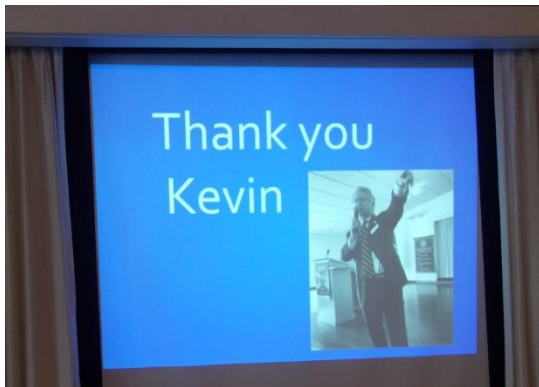
→ "We found a permanent new home" at Tanglewood Pavilion – after sampling many potential venues in the wake of losing our meeting home of 50-plus years when The Fortune Garden was sold.

→ The long-term fund within the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation achieved its highest level ever: \$117,000.

→ BRC served a Bettendorf recreational need by obtaining nine bike racks – to be installed (very soon) at the Middle Park Lagoon and in Hollowview Park – along with plaques thanking BRC.

→With such projects as the above, plus increased efforts on television, radio, newspaper and social media, the BRC “brand” – and its “good works in the community” – has been earning increased positive recognition.

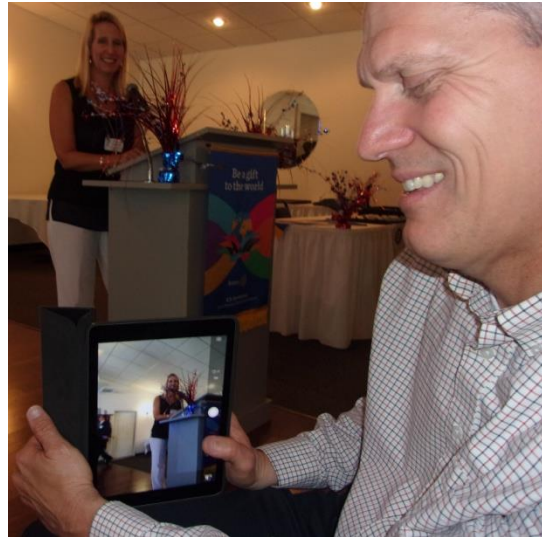
→”The greatest-ever LobsterFest,” which grew by more than 16% and netted \$52,138, “will enable us to do even more great work to benefit the community going forward.”



“This is truly a great club,” Kevin concluded, “with a well deserved state-wide reputation.”

With that, Kevin turned over the meeting to incoming 2016-17 **President Jonna Schuler** – whose first official acts were to bestow him with the traditional artifacts of past-president-hood, a gavel-plaque and past-president’s pin. She punctuated that with a light-hearted PowerPoint of photo highlights of Kevin’s presidency – and his headgear, such as the Santa stocking cap at the Holiday Party, his biking helmet and “that really great hair,” which she compared favorably with **Ken Vandersnick**’s and Richard Gere’s.

Jonna related her Rotary story – “I’m a legacy Rotarian” – noting both her father and brother have been club presidents. “My father is proud of me,” for joining that notable family “club,” she added.



Her husband Shane captured the whole program on video, to share with it with them.

She introduced the two new members of the Board – **Richard “Ozzie” Oswald** as vocational service chair and **Carol Foster** at the helm of community service.



Jonna introduced **Brock Earnhardt** of Davenport Rotary, the newest assistant governor of district 6000, who helped her post the banner of new Rotary International President John Germ –

“Rotary Serving Humanity.” That slogan, he noted, focuses on “opportunities to serve the community” – from the donation of dictionaries to every 4<sup>th</sup> grader in Bettendorf to the Haitian villagers who soon will drink rainwater captured from their roofs, “all of whose lives will change because of you, through Rotary.”

In closing her remarks, Jonna voiced “a teaser” about a project in which BRC will collaborate with the Bettendorf Public Library, Family Museum and Park Board to create a musically oriented addition to Fay’s Field on the Learning Campus. She promised more info about that later this summer.

### Announcement...

→**LobsterFest leftovers:** Two items remain unclaimed after the LobsterFest – a cooler (presumably, belonging to a BRC member) and a jacket. They can be claimed at Tanglewood Pavilion.



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

Newly installed **President Jonna Schuler** collected \$262 with additional amounts from these happy folks:  
**Jonna Schuler** – \$20 “for this happy moment.. **Dr. Tom Olson** – puns and some \$\$ for outgoing **Past President Kevin Kraft**, whom he dubbed “krafty” and then retracted it as “too cheesy”... **Richard “Ozzie” Oswald** – happy to now be on the BRC Board “to serve more”... **Dick Schillig** – kudos to Kevin for a good year + 98 days to RWC...

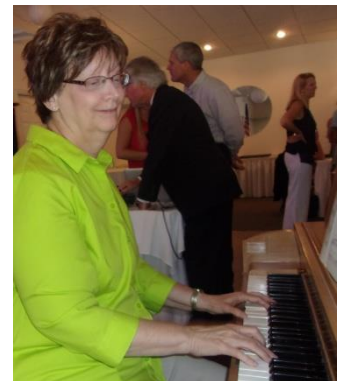
**Dick Paplinski** – glad to be back after 6 weeks in Rochester, Minn.... **Bill Daley** – happy for both incoming and outgoing presidents and working with both...

**Larry Thein** – thanks to Kevin for making him feel welcome in his first year with BRC + son’s baseball team took 4<sup>th</sup> in state tourney... **Ann Kappeler** – happy to see Duncan Cameron at the meeting, recalling his role in getting LobsterFest started... **Kevin** – happy to have **Jonna** take over the presidency + daughter’s wedding last weekend + “now happy to join the past presidents club”...

**Decker Ploehn** – happy to welcome Brock Earnhardt, with whom he became friends during their year as presidents of their respective Rotary clubs... **Dave Deuth** – 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary + happy for both presidents... **Tim Lane** – “double down” on Brock Earnhardt and his position with D6K... **Penny McGimpsey** – good words for both presidents “and for their friendship.”

### The meeting opened...

Beginning his final meeting in office, **President Kevin Kraft** greeted one and all, called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence, during which we learned that **Frank Schwab**’s wife had died.



After introductions, Tom and Gail led two more songs – “Be a Friend” and “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow,” as a farewell to Kevin, Tom explained.

## Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

### Visiting Rotarian:

Brock Earnhardt, Davenport Rotary / Assistant District 6000 Governor  
Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

### Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist  
Brooke Schuler, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Paige Schuler, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Shane Schuler, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Eyla Ersan, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Kirsten Adams, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Sue Bellig, guest of **Jonna Schuler**  
Sue Kraft, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

57 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 visiting Rotarians and 8 guests.



**Jonna Schuler's guests included daughters Brooke and Paige and their friend Eyla Ersan.**

## And at the end...

... of the meeting, since there were two presidents in attendance, two names were drawn (even though both had left the meeting early), **Dr. Tom Olson** and **Dick Schillig** each



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, Carroll, Dobesh, Downing, Duda, Dugan, Eikenberry, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Loweth, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schwab, Scranton, Slavens, Stone, Tombergs, Vandersnick, Webster, Wells and Werner

## June member resignations...

Ryan Bell - relocated  
Curtis Fee - relocated  
Theron Schutte - relocated

## 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 Room, HyVee, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline  
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

## Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:



**July 6:** Leadville Trail 100-mile run with **John DeDoncker** and John Byrne

**July 13:** Rick Palmer, RiverCenter Adler Theatre: Adler

Theatre's marquee renovation

**July 20:** John Deere Classic with Clair Peterson, director

## **BRC News staff...**

**Editor, reporter, photographer:** Fred Anderson

**Correspondent, Website host:** Johanna Smith

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