



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 24, 2016, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

Club Assembly – with an unexpected flavor

If it smells like a cookout when you arrive at next week’s meeting, there’s a very good reason – it’s going to *be* a cookout.



And a
Club
Assembly.

**President
Jonna
Schuler**
has
arranged
for the
annual

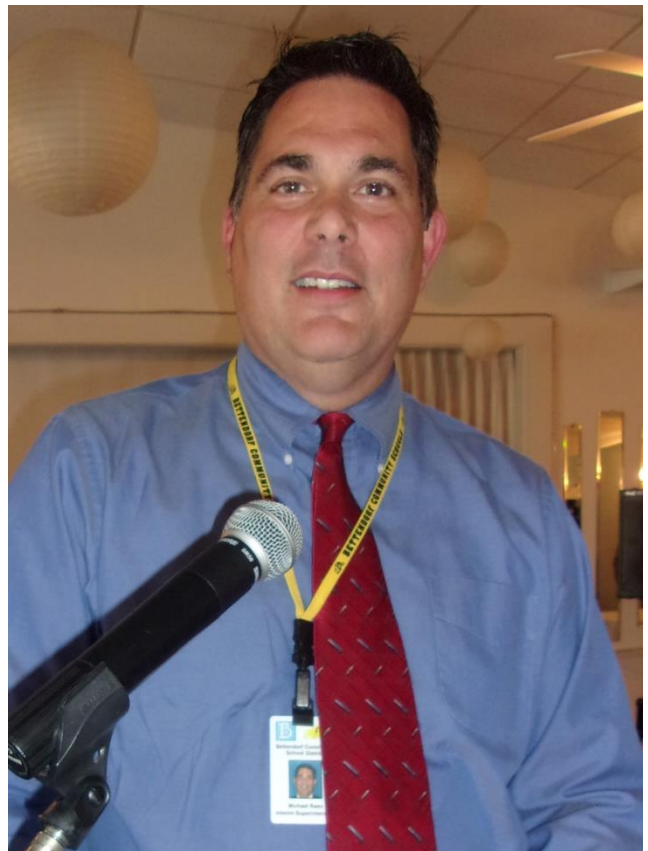
“state of the club” meeting, which marks our progress since last year and looks ahead to the next 11 months, to have a special flavor.

Julie and Donna, our Tanglewood Pavilion hosts, are preparing a backyard-type cookout – minus the ants and humidity – that will include grilled hamburgers and brats, baked beans, potato salad and lots more.

Bring your appetite and stay to learn more about BRC.

Last meeting:

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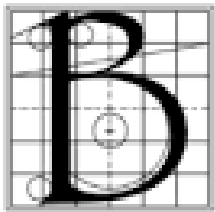


It’s an update on Bett. schools

Saying it’s been a good first two months in his new job, **Michael Raso**, interim superintendent of the Bettendorf Community School District, told members and guests at the Aug. 24 meeting “there are no unexpected problems so far.”

The district’s assistant superintendent since fall 2008, Mike ran through a checklist of developments that could have proven problematic, but haven’t, on this second day of the 2016-17 school year; some examples:

→The new parking lot at BHS is working out well.
 →With construction still unfinished on 18th Street, that entrance to BMS remains closed, but it's not a major problem.
 →Work on new tennis courts at BHS and BMS campuses is on track towards a Labor Day completion.
 →Grant Wood Elementary renovation is moving towards an April start date, with updates at other elementary schools to follow, also on schedule.
 →“We hope for good numbers” when the new school year’s enrollment is official in October. Bettendorf schools are “land-locked” – surrounded by other school districts – so enrollment growth, and the state support that goes with it, is a concern from year to year, he noted.



**Bettendorf
 Community
 School District**

In a wide-ranging question-and-answer session with the audience, Mike commented on many issues, including:
 →A major challenge as interim (and he hopes permanent new) superintendent is to ensure “one vision for all who work in the school district.”
 →About 35% of district students receive school-lunch assistance – “about twice as many” as when he was growing up in Davenport.
 →Mental health issues for kids are an increasing issue, but staffing to help them deal with those issues also is rising to address issues before they become problems.
 →To help prepare non-college-bound students for vocational careers, Mike said BHS works with community colleges, other area high schools and businesses to build work-related skills as well as meeting academic needs.

→The “Teacher-Leader” program uses established teachers to mentor newer and younger teachers.
 →Expanding and evolving STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs provide students experience and insight in potential future careers.
 →Acknowledging the kinds of violence that have occurred at schools elsewhere, Bettendorf schools engage in crisis planning and conduct drills so students and teachers are better prepared in case such events were to happen here.

New-member inductions...

S.K. Nanda presided over the induction of two new members:



→**Tim “Chopper” Shea**, who has visited BRC many times, has taken over the QC branch of Locals Love Us. He and his wife, a teacher in North Scott Schools, have three children, ages 4, 3 and 1. His category is Advertising Services.



→**Jerry Higgs**, of Mediacom, has lived in the QC for 21 years. He and his wife Dawn, who is also a teacher, are parents of two daughters, ages 13 and 15. His category is Internet and Phone Services.

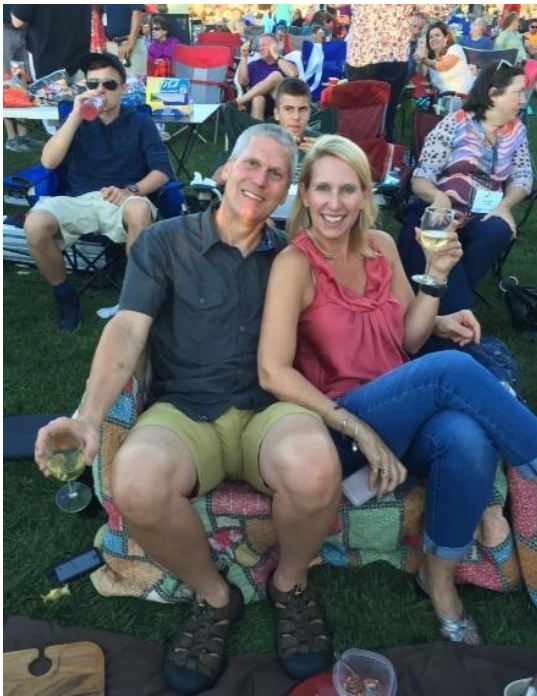
Announcements...



→ **Slavens named to Rotary Foundation committee: Jim Slavens** was named to chair a special BRC committee to devise additional ways the club can raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. This is part of a District 6000-wide

effort to increase its contributions to the Rotary International entity that uses its funds to support philanthropic projects around the Globe – such as Rotary’s PolioPlus initiative.

This effort is in addition to the money BRC already donates to the Foundation - \$25 per quarter from each member’s dues plus \$2,000 per year from the club as a whole, explained **President Jonna**.



→ **BRC at the QCSO Pops: President Jonna Schuler** thanked **Harry Coin** and **Secretary Johanna Smith** for their work making all the arrangements that made it possible for 40 Bettendorf Rotary

members and guests to buy discounted tickets and sit together at last Saturday evening’s Quad-City Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert.

→ **Thanks to JDC volunteers: President Jonna** asked all members present who had volunteered as marshals at the John Deere Classic in early August to stand – and she led the applause in thanks for their work on behalf of BRC.

→ **BRC Golf Outing:** With BRC’s annual Golf Outing just two weeks away, **Tim Lane** reminded members who had not yet signed up that there’s still time to:

- Sign up to play golf
- Sign up for the grilled steak (and salmon) dinner that evening – including special entertainment – and
- Sign up as a hole sponsor, for just \$100

To do any, or all of those, contact **Tim** (tim.lane@edwardjones.com / 563.320.9161).



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

President Jonna Schuler collected \$214 – which included special amounts from some members who shared their happiness: **Brad Morrison** – with his daughter (and bagpipe partner), spent the last two weeks competing in Scotland – he didn’t win any of the three competitions, but did wade in Loch Ness... **Dick Schillig** – 12 days to Run with Carl on Labor Day... **Harry Coin** – happy that 40 BRC members made it to the QCSO Pops Concert, where they had a primo location... **Jim Slavens** – six

grandkids in college – “and we don’t have to pay tuition for any of them”... **Ami Wells** – this is the final year of college expenses... **Tim Lane** – with three kids in college, enjoying being empty-nesters for the last 68 hours, but feeling poor... **Harry Coin** again – enjoying hosting a Rotary Exchange student from France... **Decker Ploehn** – Middle Road will close on Labor Day between 23rd Street and Devils Glen Road – “so stay away!”

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, **President Jonna**



Schuler welcomed everyone and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Deanna Severs**, led the singing of “This Is My Country.” Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and presided over the Moment of Silence.

After introductions, Tom also led the singing of “All Hail to Rotary” and “Give My Regards to Broadway.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

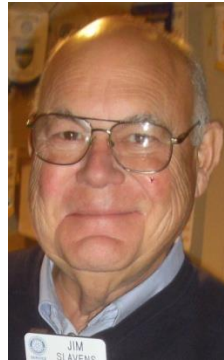
Visiting Rotarian

Dick Kleine, Davenport Rotary
Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests

Deana Severs, pianist
Bruce Tinsman, Twin State (Guest of **Ami Wells**)
Mike Pieart (Guest of **Steve Pieart**)
Mike Raso, Bettendorf Community Schools (Speaker)
Mary Sue Knoblauch (Guest of **Frank Schwab**)
Pete Pere, Estes Construction (Guest of **Jeff Hill**)

In all, 57 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 visiting Rotarians and 6 guests.



And at the end...

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

Missing today...

Bennett, Bibik, Blaske, Boeye, Bush, Calabrese, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Downing, Dugan, Falk, Featherstone, Fopma, Foster, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Garlach, Hassel, Hopkins, Hurd, James, Kappeler, Kraus, Kraus, Lane, Larsen, Lokenvitz, McGimpsey, Marbach, Martinez, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Powers, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Stone, Stopulos, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Werner, and Windmiller

Make-ups...

Davenport Rotary: Michael Elledge

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, 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

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

Upcoming meetings... and other BRC events...

... Programs thanks to
program chair **Scott
Naumann,**
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**Aug. 31: President
Jonna Schuler:** Club
Assembly

Sept. 5: Labor Day –
Run with Carl

Sept. 7: Bettendorf
Rotary Club Annual Golf Outing, Palmer
Hills Golf Course

Sept. 21: District governor’s annual visit

Oct. 13: QC-wide Service for Success event,
Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University

Future meeting: Former QC TV newscaster
Carolyn Wettstone: “How I Kicked the
Cancer Fairy’s Butt”

October events:

→Online applications available for the next
round of charitable grants made possible by
LobsterFest

→Presentation of a personal dictionary to
each 4th grade student in the city of
Bettendorf

BRC News staff...

Editor, reporter, photographer: Fred
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Smith

Update your directory info

If you would like to update your listing in
the BRC Member Directory at
<http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>, it’s
pretty simple:

Log in to your account using your email
address and your private password – if
it’s your first time, use the password
“member”.

Click on “Member Account” in the left-
side column to bring up your personal
file.

Make the changes you want – you can
change your password too – then scroll to
the bottom of the file and click the “save”
button.

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

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For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>