



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Sept. 21, 2016, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at  
Tanglewood Pavilion

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016

## **DG: 'Our product is service...'**

At the Sept. 14 meeting, Rotary District 6000 Gov. **Chris Knapp** praised this district, which covers most of the southern half of Iowa, as "among the top 10 districts in the country when measured by the number of activities."

He described District 6000 as "composed of 200 cities, 50 of which have active Rotary clubs. As a district, we donated 18,000 coats, arranged for wells to be dug, latrines built, water to be purified for drinking..." In continuing a litany of projects that the district or clubs within it have undertaken to help people, he concluded, "Our district serves as a model for many others."

For DG Chris Knapp, Rotary sees the existence of need as an opportunity to serve. He set out these six objectives for club progress in our district:



**1. Help the Polio Plus project.** Rotary's worldwide polio eradication project started in 1985 – when there were 350,000 new cases of the disease every year. "Last year, there were only 19 new cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan," Chris said. "We had a setback in Africa, which was polio-free until three new cases popped up in Nigeria. Like all viruses, polio is only one airplane ride away from your city.

"Rotary estimates the cost to track down and eliminate polio, much as we have done with smallpox, will be a further \$1 billion. It can happen this year," he said.

**2. Support the Rotary Foundation initiative.** The foundation has launched a campaign, with a committee in each club, to boost giving to support Polio Plus and other projects; **Jim Slavens** heads the Bettendorf Rotary's committee.

In conversation after the meeting, Chris encouraged each Rotarian to include the Foundation in his or her will – and

among recipients for memorials to the deceased Rotarian.

**3. Personal Commitment:** Chris succinctly summarized the elements of commitment to Rotary: “Attend. Give. Serve. Consider serving as an officer.” He went on to say the importance of planned leadership succession can’t be emphasized enough, and he praised Bettendorf Rotary for its system of moving presidents-to-be through the “chairs” of leadership.

**4. A shared and understood vision for the club's future.** As a club’s membership ages and turns over, it’s important to continually revisit and update how members view the role of the club in serving the community.

**5. The engagement of all members to forge connections with one another, to reach out.**

**6. Service to Youth.** When asked to decide the worth of Rotary’s youth programs, Chris responds, “Ask any of the adults involved after a young person as been through RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) or an overseas (Rotary Youth) Exchange Program: Is this the same student who arrived a year ago?” The consensus, he explained, is all see great strides in the self-assuredness, articulation, other-awareness and poise in the young participants. “RYLA and youth exchange programs change young lives,” he added.



Before listing the district’s priorities for his year as governor, he enthusiastically promoted the

2017 District 6000 Conference and Rotary International Convention.

The 2017 District Conference, “Uniting Generations Serving Humanity,” is scheduled for May 4-6 at the Coralville Marriott.

As for the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta, he noted that it will mark the culmination of a year-long celebration of the centennial of the Rotary Foundation. “Our product is service – it’s who we are.” he said.

Chris joined Rotary 27 years ago and his wife **Vernette** became a member in 2003.



**Assistant DG Brock Earnhardt and President Jonna Schuler joined the Knapps for photos after the meeting.**

### **Announcements...**

➔All-QC Rotary “Service for Success” project is **Thursday, Oct. 13**. The project, which will benefit Kids Against Hunger, will bring Rotarians from across the community to the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University to assemble box meals for the poor. Rotarians will pay \$10 and guests are free.

➔ **Dictionary project sign-ups: Dr. Jim Spelhaug** handed out clipboards for members to sign up to hand out a personal dictionary to each 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and the private schools in the city. If you missed the meeting, you can contact Jim ([spelhaugjim@pleasval.k12.ia.us](mailto:spelhaugjim@pleasval.k12.ia.us) / [W] 563.332.4040) to volunteer to hand them out at one of the 35 classrooms that will receive dictionaries Oct. 10-21. As in past years, Jim will contact everyone with hand-out details and reminders.

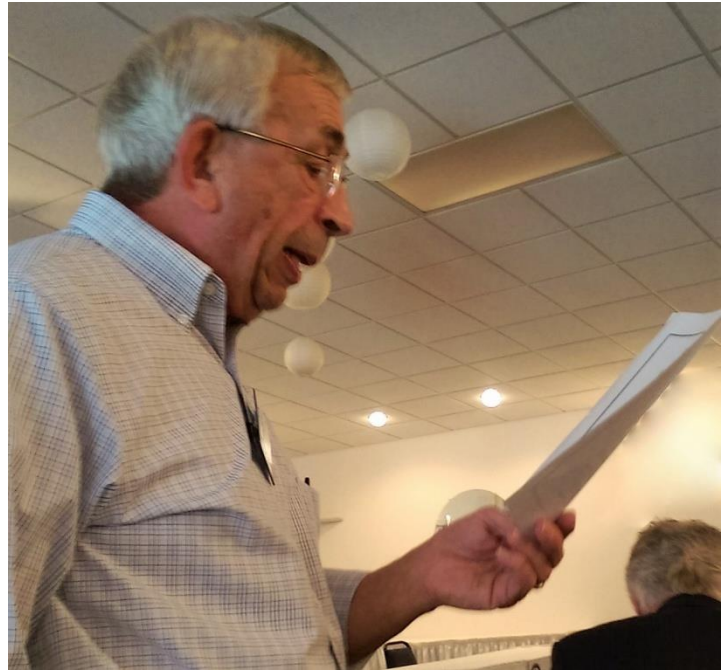
➔ **One Rotary Summit, (AKA the District 6000 Fall Training session):** President Jonna urged members to sign up to attend this workshop, which “joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting (club) growth, service and public interaction.” It is scheduled for 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the West Liberty, Iowa, Community Center. There’s no fee, but the registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 3, to get an accurate count for the free 5:30 supper. To register, email [dis6000admin@Lisco.com](mailto:dis6000admin@Lisco.com) or call (877) 976-8279.



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

**President Jonna Schuler** collected \$84 – with special happiness notices from these un-shy members: **Richard “Ozzie” Oswald** – 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary... **Brad Morrison** – happy to have (what appeared to be at the time) a 50:50 chance of winning Happy to Have a Make-up (see below)... **Laurie**

**Hutcheson** – “sorry to spoil Brad’s chances of winning” + “happy to be married 22 years.”



**The meeting opened...**

**President Jonna Schuler** opened the meeting with the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** covered for the vacationing **Tom Howard**, leading the singing of “God Bless America.” After the Pledge of Allegiance, **S.K. Nanda** recognized our troops during the Moment of Silence. Dick returned to lead today’s songs with **Deanna Severs** at the piano: “Sing out a Song of Rotary” and in honor of our visiting District Governor, “He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.”

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...**

**Visiting Rotarians**

- Paul Johnson, Davenport Rotary
- Aaron Christopher, Davenport Rotary
- Chris Knapp, District 6000 Governor
- Vernette Knapp, District 6000 Governor’s spouse
- Wayne Steen, District 6000 membership chair, West Liberty Rotary

Brock Earnhardt, assistant DG and grant chair, Davenport Rotary  
Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary  
Sherry Ristau, Davenport Rotary

**Guest**

Deanna Severs, piano player

In all, 34 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 1 guest and 8 visiting Rotarians.



**And at the end...**

... of the meeting, **Brad Morrison** (victorious, despite competition; who knew it would be competitive?) won a Happy to Have a Make-up in the drawing from among all those members who

participated in *Jon Ryan Happy \$\$*.

**Missing today...**

Ashby, Bennett, Bibik, Blaske, Boeye, Bush, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Deuth, Dietrich, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felsing, Fopma, Franks, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hopkins, Howard, Hurd, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Olson, Pacha, Paplinski, Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Schneden, Scranton, Sherrick, Stone, Stopulos, Thein, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

**Make-ups...**

Rich James - Summit County, Colo., Rotary

**Upcoming meetings and more...**

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



**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"

**BRC News staff...**

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