



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

Student Hunger Drive '16 from chair's point of view

Ally Gallagher, the daughter and granddaughter of two Bettendorf Rotarians (**Mayor Bob**, and his Dad, also

Bob), is an outstanding student at Bettendorf High School; president of the student body, now in her senior year; and a top cross country runner (a *Bettendorf News* Athlete of the Week in September).



It's not as if she needed another activity, but she just finished serving as chairperson of the Student Hunger Drive – an annual campaign involving students from 16 Quad-City high schools on both sides of the river.

At the Dec. 7 meeting, she'll give us an inside look at the 2016 campaign, which collected 378,461 pounds of food for the Riverbend Food Pantry.

Last meeting:

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How did *you* get to be a Rotarian?

Instead of the customary speaker, at the Nov. 30 meeting, Vocational Services Chair Rich “Ozzie” Oswald gave members present an opportunity to get a little better acquainted with each other.

In the beginning, he asked people to move until they had filled all eight chairs at each table. Before the meeting, he had placed bags of individually wrapped candy in the center of each table, and he asked everyone to note who had the piece of candy with a letter stuck to it – that person would be the “table captain.”

For the remainder of the meeting – at about 10-minute intervals – everyone at each table, except the captain, would scatter to different tables, where they would share their personal Rotary story to a new audience.



For about a half hour, we heard short tales of how each of us came to be a Bettendorf Rotarian:

“My parents were both Rotarians...”

“I got a Rotary scholarship to college and have been a member ever since...”

“When I first moved to the QC, I wanted to meet new people...”

“My boss is a Rotarian, and he wanted me to join a club other than the one he belongs to...”

“I’ve worked in several communities during my career – and joined a Rotary club each time I moved...”



Induction of new member...

➔ **Joe Champion** was inducted by **S.K. Nanda**. Retired after 40 years in the steel industry, the last 21 with Olympic Steel in Bettendorf, Joe and his wife Nancy are parents to adult children Patrick, Katie and Steve – all of whom graduated from Pleasant Valley High School and have continued their educations at Iowa State and the University of Iowa.



However their Rotary journey began, many members mentioned some version of the organization’s service-focused motto:

“I wanted a way to give back to the community, so I went to the Website...”

“I’ve always been involved with some sort of charity...”

“Being a Rotarian helps my charitable giving go further...”

“Being a Bettendorf Rotarian gives me plenty of opportunities to put some ‘sweat equity’ into making sure LobsterFest and other fundraising events succeed – and raise money to help others in the community...”

Announcements...

➔ **Bring a guest: President Jonna Schuler** asked members whose birthdays are in December to invite a prospective new member to be their guest at a meeting during their birthday month.

➔ **Special holiday collections: Decker Ploehn**, as he does each year about this time, will pass among us at the Dec. 7 and 14 meetings collecting donations for a thank-you gift of cash for **Julie** and **Donna**, who take such good care of us at our weekly meetings.

➔Thinking of Board service?

President Jonna said the BRC Board will need a new member next year. She invited any member who would like to serve on the Board to contact any current Board member.

➔ **Get-well-soon card for Dave Death:** **Bill Daley** passed around a card for all present to sign – and he'll take it to Dave to let him know we're all praying for him to get well and return soon.

➔ **Christmas baskets:** **Tim Lane** updated progress toward providing Christmas food and gift baskets to deserving Bettendorf families. He said 25 members had indicated a desire to deliver baskets on the recent survey, so some members will be paired as teams to deliver baskets to the 15 families on the BRC list. Also, the club has budgeted \$50 per child to buy gifts for children in those families. More details will be coming from Tim and **Carol Foster**.

➔ **LobsterFest news:** Several aspects of BRC's biggest fundraiser – slated for

June 10, 2017 – will be new for this 11th year:

Secretary Johanna Smith reported that the culinary arts program at Scott Community College had decided not

to provide the food preparation, so a chef, **James Proestler**, will take over that duty.

In addition, the event will move from Rivermont Collegiate to BRC's weekly home, Tanglewood Pavilion, and the giant party tent will be erected closer to the ponds at the other end of the property.

Kristine Stone announced that several items have already been committed for the live auction.

Ann Kappeler said more than in earlier years has already been done toward reinventing LobsterFest in its new venue. She thanked **Bill Daley** (Abbey Carpet) and **Jenny Hager** (Maher Brothers Transfer) for their quick work in moving the BRC equipment from storage at Rivermont to its new home at Abbey.

It's time to plan how your company – or a non-Rotarian friend's company – can sponsor LobsterFest 2017.



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

President Jonna Schuler collected \$166 from these happy Rotarians and others...

Rich "Ozzie" Oswald – thanks for the opportunity to give a Thanksgiving basket... **Kevin Kraft** – Charity Navigator (which rates international charitable organizations) ranks Rotary International No. 3, noting its PolioPlus campaign has vaccinated some 2.5 billion children worldwide since it began...

Brad Morrison – the business is growing – so added two employees, including daughter Mecca in marketing...

Julie Meyers – teamed with daughters to deliver Thanksgiving baskets... **Decker Ploehn** – *every street* in Bettendorf is now open after orange-cone season...

Penny McGimpsey – happy to be back after missing all earlier November meetings ("Advertising is crazy in November") + 27th anniversary



The meeting opened...



After the bell sounded, **President Jonna Schuler** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deanna Severs** on piano, led the singing of “God Bless

America.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we learned that **Dick Schillig**’s brother had died, that **Kevin Kraft**’s mother had been ill and in hospital, and we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** in his cancer fight.

After introductions, Tom and Deanna returned to lead the singing of “Rotary Town” and “Side by Side.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary

Guests

Kate Murphy, Quad-City *Times*, guest of **Penny McGimpsey**

Deanna Severs, piano player

In all, 55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Decker Ploehn** 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, Bibik, Blaske, Boeye, Crist, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Doland, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Felsing, Foster, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gause, Hager, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski, Partridge, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Shea, Thein, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, Windmiller and Worner.

Make-up...

Dick Schillig, Lake Ozark Rotary
Rich James, Summit County, Colo., Rotary
Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries: Hopkins, Bormann, Rabine, Thein, Doland, Oswald, Partridge, Garlach, Paplinski, Mannix, Campion, Hutcheson, Higgs, Bennett and Meyers

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 more



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

Dec. 7: Ally Gallagher, daughter and granddaughter of two Bettendorf Rotarians, gives an inside look at the 2016

QC Student Hunger Drive

Dec. 14: Our traditional Christmas serenade – this year by a choral ensemble from Pleasant Valley High School with accompaniment by a string sextet

June 10, 2017: LobsterFest 11

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