



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 7, 2016, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



It's our annual holiday serenade – with strings

Our traditional Christmas serenade this year brings a choral ensemble from Pleasant Valley High School to our Dec. 14 meeting with accompaniment by a string quintet. PV Superintendent **Jim Spelhaug** said the musicians would play during mealtime, as well as during the Christmas music concert.



President Jonna Schuler announced that **Mike Mickle** will record the performance so it can be played on the BRC Website throughout the Holidays.

Last meeting:

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How hunger drive gets 4.3M meals

Bettendorf High School senior **Ally Gallagher**, the daughter and granddaughter of two Bettendorf Rotarians (**Mayor Bob**, and his Dad, the other **Bob**), was at the center of this year's QC Student Hunger Drive – and she provided an insider's view of the campaign at the Dec. 7 meeting.

The Student Hunger Drive – one of only three of its kind in the entire U.S. involving high schools from throughout a community – provides food that's distributed to more than 300 agencies in 22 counties, Ally said. The drive brings together students from 16 high schools in



Grandpa Bob Gallagher introduced Ally

the Iowa and Illinois metro QC and surrounding area.

The 6-week-long campaign collected 378,461 pounds of food for the Riverbend Food Pantry, which distributes it. That amount will provide “4.3 million meals,” she said, and will only “last until February.”

Food insecurity – not having enough money to buy both food for three meals each day and other necessities, such as medicine – means one in eight people in the QC area will miss a meal per day, Ally said. “And one in five of them are children.”



After volunteering for the hunger drive as a freshman, and learning statistics such as these, Ally said she developed “a passion” for helping the campaign succeed. This was her fourth year as a volunteer and second as co-chair.

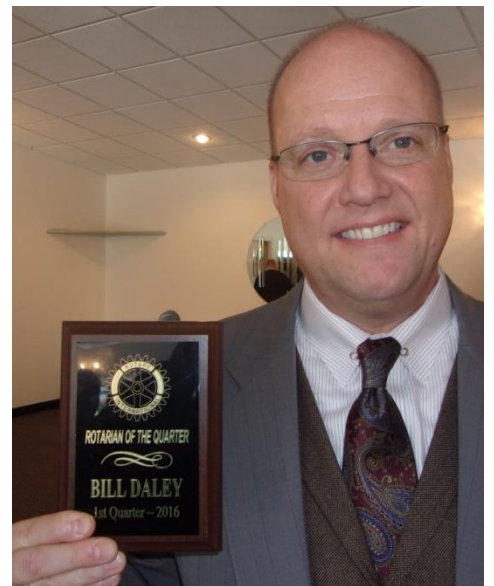
She also has worked in the food bank’s Mobile Food Pantry, which sets up temporary distribution to families in need at schools and other sites. “You get to see who you’re helping,” she commented.

For the fourth consecutive year, BHS took first place in Division A (the largest schools), collecting 40 pounds of food per student. To collect that much food, BHS students fanned out in the community, with events at Hy-Vee Food Stores and at some restaurants. They also held competitions within school, such as pitting classes against each other in games like dodge-ball, and against other high schools. Together, those efforts collected more than 15,000 pounds of food and raised some \$32,000 – which was used to buy wholesale lots of food for the pantry.

Rotarian of the Quarter...

Rich “Ozzie” Oswald, vocational

service chair, recognized **Bill Daley** as Rotarian of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2016-17. He lauded Bill for his service on the Board, for greeting members as they arrive at the weekly meetings and for providing storage space



at his business when the club had to relocate its LobsterFest supplies. Thanking the membership for the honor, Bill said, “It’s just part of what we do” as Rotarians.

Announcements...

➔ **Board vacancy needs filling:** Saying the BRC Board will need a new vocational service chair, **President Jonna** invited any member who would like to serve on the Board to begin the process by contacting a current Board member.

➔ **Holiday collection: Decker Ploehn**



launched the first week of a collection to provide a Christmas bonus pass for **Julie and Donna**, who take such good care of us at our weekly meetings. He'll repeat the feat at the Dec. 14 meeting so anyone who missed today should bring a

good-sized bill to add to this thank-you gift of cash.

➔ **No meeting Dec. 28: President Jonna** said there will be no meeting on the Wednesday between Christmas and New Year's.

➔ **Make Foundation pledges current: Secretary Johanna Smith** reminded members who had made a 2016 pledge to the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation to make their payment to that fund, which is managed by the Community Fund of the QC. Please contact Johanna for details.

➔ **Red Badge Meeting:** The annual meeting when newer members – who have red tag on their membership badges – will learn a lot more about Bettendorf Rotary and Rotary International has been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. More details will follow.



Jon Ryan Happy \$\$...

(Named in honor of the late Bettendorf Rotarian, punster, jokester and all-around good guy)

President Jonna Schuler collected \$163 with special amounts from these happy Rotarians: **Gary Mohr** – \$50: thanks for support during the recent election + “I’ve been elected vice-chairman of the House Commerce Committee” + will be sworn to Iowa House on Jan. 9, “exactly 50 years after being sworn in as a page in the Iowa Senate”... **Jim Spelhaug** – anniversary and wife Julie’s birthday + “attend the holiday concert at a high school of your choice” – or invite your spouse to join you at next week’s meeting / concert (email **Secretary Johanna** if your spouse will be there, so Julie and Donna can plan the meal)... **Laurie Hutcheson** – \$7 for daughter’s 7th birthday on Dec. 7... **Tim Lane** – wife Carrie coaches cross country at North Scott High School, and she praises Allie Gallagher for her sportsmanship toward runners from all schools... **Bill Daley** – **Dave Deuth** “was really moved” by the get-well card we all signed at last week’s meeting... **Ann Kappeler** – Thanks to **Richard “Ozzie” Oswald** for last week’s program, when we all learned a bit more about each other... **“Ozzie”** – “Actually it was Johanna’s idea”... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – happy for three generations of Gallaghers at today’s meeting... **Decker Ploehn** – “‘Frozen Landing’ ice rink opened last night near Splash Landing pool”... **President Jonna** – happy **Mike Mickle** will record next week’s PVHS concert to be played throughout the Holidays

The meeting opened...

At the sound of the bell, **President**



Jonna called the meeting to order, welcomed all and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**,

accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we remembered the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack that caused the U.S. to enter World War II, and we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** in his cancer fight.

After introductions, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of Yuletide standards “Winter Wonderland” and “Silver Bells” plus the monthly “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Those celebrating December birthdays are: 05, David J. Franks; 08, Brad Morrison; 12, Dean Kraus; 13, Bradley Boeye; 15, Gary Mohr; 23, Jeff Hassel, Bob H. Gallagher, Greg Blaske; 28, Larry Thein; 29, Will Doland, Johanna Smith

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

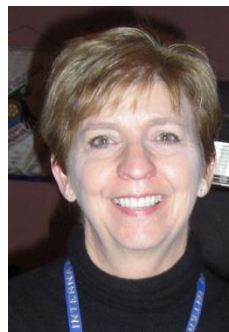
Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Ally Gallagher, BHS senior / Student Hunger Drive

Gary Matteson, guest of **Julie Meyers**

In all, 59 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Ann Kappeler** 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, Blaske, Boeye, Carroll, Chambers, Crist, DeDoncker, Deuth, Dobesh, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Gause, Hager, Hassel, Hurd, James, Kellenberger, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Nelson, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Stone, Stopulos, Thein, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Werner and Worner.

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

accompaniment by a string quintet

Dec. 21: Don Doxsie, sports columnist at the *Quad-City Times*: bowl-season matchups and other prognostications

Dec. 28: No meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017: Red Badge Meeting, when newer members get to learn much more about Rotary – and remove the red tag from their badge

June 10, 2017: LobsterFest 11

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