



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at
Tanglewood Pavilion

**We will give grants to
a dozen QC non-profits**

The Bettendorf Rotary Club boils more than 300 fresh Maine lobsters – and prepares lots of ‘fixin’s’ to go with them – every June for a party known as LobsterFest.

The reason for that festivity becomes clear at next week’s meeting at Tanglewood when the BRC’s Charitable Giving Board presents proceeds from last June’s LobsterFest to a dozen Quad-City not-for-profit agencies.

Come early enough to get lunch and a good seat. Buffet opens at 11:30 with the meeting scheduled to begin around 11:45.



Ami Wells received a grant last year for the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017



**Success focus of
Hispanic C of C**

Although the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is less than a decade old (it was founded in 2008), it has already been recognized as the top small-city Hispanic Chamber in the U.S., said **Lee Vasquez**, its executive director, at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Actually, the achievement is even more impressive than that – the recognition came in 2012, only the organization’s fourth year of existence.

Even that shouldn’t come as a total surprise; one of the founders is Bob Ontiveros, who

founded Group O, a 40-year-old Rock Island supply-chain and packaging company – which is “one of the top five Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S.,” Lee said.

With services focused on networking and business success both within the Hispanic community and between Hispanics and the wider community, GQCHCC has grown to several thousand members in the QC – and as far away as the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Corridor, Mt. Pleasant and Muscatine, Lee said.

The group has experienced such success by communicating through social media (“Hispanics use [it] more than any other segment of the population,” Lee said) and providing lively exchange through such programs as a multicultural speaker series, networking services and annual Holiday Fiesta and Gala social events.

Much of the GQCHCC’s programming targets small businesses and what they need to ensure success – for both the owners and employees. Partners include major area employers, and guest speakers tend to be notable Hispanic achievers in all aspects of society – business, government, the arts and more – all sharing insights into their success.

Another important factor in the success of GQCHCC, Lee pointed out, is the rapid growth of the Hispanic segment of the overall population. Now estimated at 57 million strong, the Hispanic segment of the U.S. population is projected to be 133 million by 2050. There are an estimated 4 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S., he said.

Announcements...

➔ **‘The best meeting of the year’:** **President Jonna** reminded all that next week we present grants to 12 Quad-City

non-for-profit organizations – this time, at Tanglewood Pavilion. Come a bit early, she advised, because the business of the day will begin right at noon.

➔Asbury Garden Ministry: Guest Dave Phillipps,

who spearheads the Asbury Methodist Church’s Garden Ministry, invited Rotarians to become involved in this project that grows fresh vegetables to supply about a dozen and a half



Iowa QC food pantries. Last growing season, he reported, the ministry harvested more than 45,000 pounds of nearly a dozen kinds of vegetables and melons; it was the project’s 16th year.

➔Prayers for Dave Death: Bill Daley

passed around a clipboard on which members could sign up to be a “prayer warrior” to help **Dave Death**, who will undergo intensive chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant soon at the Mayo Clinic. Just before key steps in that process, Bill will call or email those volunteers, who have



committed to pray for Dave for 30 minutes or a full hour.

→Dates to remember:

→**State of the City address** by our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** is scheduled for Wednesday, **Feb. 15**, at the Waterfront Convention Center – come a bit early to get a good seat for this event, which replaces that day’s regular BRC meeting.

→**BRC’s annual Social**, is slated for the evening of Wednesday, **Feb. 22**, at Davenport Country Club. No lunchtime meeting that day. Come prepared to consume heavy hors d’oeuvres and be entertained by a comedian; more info to come...

Happy \$\$...



President Jonna Schuler collected **\$139** with special comments from: **Deana Severs** – thanks for the gift – “we’ll go

to Biaggi’s for our anniversary dinner”... **Keith Worner** – No. 1 son is now a month old... **Kevin Kraft** – wishing the Green Bay Packers good luck this weekend (with *sfx* cheers from that other Pack fan, **Scott Naumann**)... **Decker Ploehn** – Frozen Landing, Bettendorf’s barely month-old ice-skating rink, has already attracted its 10,000th skater. It costs \$0 to skate; skate rentals are just \$2, he said.

Leave a Rotary legacy... through a charitable IRA gift

By Jim Slavens

A popular way to give to the Rotary Foundation is via a charitable IRA gift. If you have an IRA and you give to the Rotary Foundation out of the IRA:

→(1) The money escapes being taxed forever.

→ (2) Your income tax bracket is not affected.

→(3) This satisfies at least a portion of your annual minimum withdrawal, if you’re at least age 70½ and have a traditional or a Roth IRA.

A gift of \$25,000 will provide \$1,000 annually forever.

If you want to learn all of the tax ideas that can be used in making an annual gift out of your IRA account, contact [Jim Slavens](#) or [Carl Loweth](#).

The meeting opened...

After ringing the bell, **President Jonna Shuler** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deana Severs** on



piano, led the singing of “This Is My Country.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the Moment of Silence we learned **Todd Ashby**’s father had died, and we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** in his cancer fight.

After introductions, the songfest resumed: “That Rotary Wheel” and “Side by Side.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

Matt Brooke, Clinton Rotary

Dick Schrad, Clinton Rotary

Guests

Tom Mielnick, guest of **Johanna Smith**

Deana Severs, piano player

Dave Phillipps, Asbury United Methodist Church

Lee Vasquez, Greater QC Hispanic Chamber (speaker)

In all, 42 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 4 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Keith Worner** 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, Boeye, Campion, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., Coin, H., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Downing, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Garlach, Gross, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hopkins, Hurd, James, Kappeler, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Oswald, Partridge, Pieart, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Spelhaug, Thompson, Tombergs, Webster, Wells, and Werner

Meeting make-ups...

Rich James, Rotary Club of Summit County, Colo.

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:



Jan. 25: Charitable grant awards to 13 QC charities; come early
Feb. 15: State of the City address by our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – Waterfront Convention Center
Feb. 22: no regular meeting; BRC’s annual social – Davenport Country Club

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