



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



**It's an update on the
River Music Experience**

From fighting the Winter Blues to sending young musicians to KidStock Sumer Music Camp, the River Music Experience provides “fun, educational and top-shelf programming,” according to its Website.

Bret Dale of the RME will update us at the Feb. 1 meeting on “the state of our educational programming” in the wake of the recent tragic death of Ellis Kell, who conceived and directed much of that activity.

“We have workshops, classes and private lessons for every interest, age and skill level, covering a variety of different music genres,” Bret says. Because RME “is committed to providing... music programs to all regardless of the ability to pay a fee,” scholarships are available.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017



(BRC Charitable Grants recipients are identified on page 6.)

**Grants awarded
to 12 QC agencies**

The Charities Board of BRC awarded grants worth a total of \$20,500 to 12 not-for-profit agencies during the Jan. 25 meeting at Tanglewood Pavilion.

Charities Board members who participated in the awards were **Jeff Hassel, Chelsea Powers, Sharon Sarver, Annette Martinez** and **Richard “Ozzie” Oswald**, along with the major sponsors of last June’s LobsterFest, **John DeDoncker** of Triumph Community Bank and **Bill Daley** of Abbey Carpets. Funds for the grants were raised during the LobsterFest last June. Two board members, **Ann Kappeler** and **Kevin Kraft**, were out of town and could not attend.



Recipient organizations are:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the



Mississippi Valley will use its \$1,500 grant in its Job Readiness Program. **Jay Justin** explained, “A part of our middle and high school initiative prepares at-risk youth for summer and after-school employment.



Camp Shalom will apply its \$1,500 grant toward building a Human Foosball Court, which **Tom Bley** said would be an outdoor activity in which people of all levels can

participate at their new camp program for adults with disabilities.



Churches United of the quad City Area received a \$2,000 grant to be used for Winnie’s Place Emergency Shelter for women and their children, said **Ann Wachal** (with **Bill Daley** and **John DeDoncker**).

The Family Museum of arts and Science Foundation will apply its \$2,000 to provide free admission to school children in its Free and Reduced Lunch Program. **Amy Cannady** could not attend the awards luncheon.

Family Resources provides crisis intervention for at-risk youth, which serves the immediate safety needs of troubled kids in the Scott County region. The \$2,000 grant that **Nisha Ladlee** received frees police officers from having to do “double duty” as social workers.



Hand in Hand will use its \$2,000 grant to upgrade some facilities to help accommodate growth and develop some program innovations for the future, according to **Mark Smith**.



Handicapped Development Center will apply its \$1,500 grant toward purchasing musical instruments for a Sensory Path it is developing on the grounds of its 54-bed Residential Center in northwest Davenport, explained **Jeff Ashcraft**.



Martin Luther King Jr. Community



Center in Rock Island will use its \$2,000 grant in support of its Metropolitan Youth Program, which provides a structured environment that encourages its youthful participants to develop

academically, socially and economically, according to **Jerry Jones**.



The Ovarian Cancer Initiative of the **NormaLeah Foundation** uses its \$1,000 grant to support Sisterly Advice Tea Chats, in which women “and the men who love them” become educated about ovarian cancer, said **Jodie Kavensky**.



Quad City Arts will help support its Visiting Artist Series in QC area schools with the \$2,000 grant; **Margot Day** explained that visiting artists and performance ensembles will provide some 120 engagements and reach more than 26,000 students in their schools.

Rebuilding Together Quad Cities

repairs and rehabilitates the homes of people living in poverty who cannot physically or financially make those improvements themselves, said Carol Triebel, who received the \$2,000 grant.



YouthHope

Ministry will use its \$1,000 to help provide equipment that it can use to outfit a softball team for girls in low-income families, according to **Kevin Perrine**.



Announcements...

➔ **Endowment Account pledges:**

President

Jonna reminded members of the club’s commitment to expand its Endowment Account by \$10,000 per year for five years. “We met that goal last year,” she said, adding, “It’s

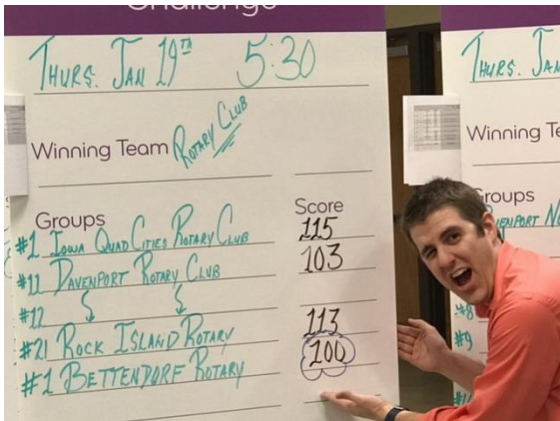


time to make a pledge” for this year’s effort. Pledges will be matched by the club, dollar for dollar, Jonna said. The

Endowment Account enables BRC to carry on its charitable giving commitments if ever regular fundraising should not provide all the funds needed.

→BBBS Mini-Golf champs... again:

For the second straight year, the



Bettendorf Rotary team – **Will Doland** (celebrating the victory), **Scott Naumann**, **Todd Larson** and **Rich “Ozzie” Oswald** – obliterated all

other Rotary clubs in the Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraising mini-golf tournament. You can see some of the scores for yourself.

→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 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Cost is \$10/per person. Guests are invited. Please RSVP to Johanna at bettendorfrotary@gmail.com.

Happy \$\$...



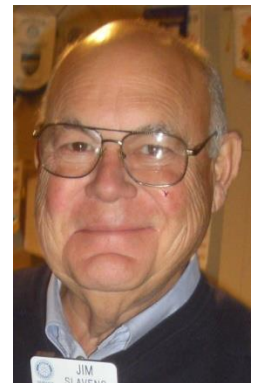
President Jonna Schuler collected \$242 with some added income from these happy members:

Frank Mitvalsky – Thanks to **Ron Crist** and **“Ozzie” Oswald** for judging the Pack 54 Pinewood Derby + a proud papa moment when his son Sam and his teammates on the BHS swim team broke the existing record for the frosh / soph 200-year relay... **Jennifer Garlach** – the Boys and Girls Clubs fundraiser auction was a big success – thanks to **Decker Ploehn** for being emcee... **Bill Daley** thanked all who participated in Tuesday’s 24-hours of prayer for strength for **Dave Deuth** during the first phase of an intensive chemotherapy and stem-cell transplant procedure – 39 Rotarians plus 18 more “prayer warriors” participated, Bill reported... **Tim Lane** – some \$\$ because “the Dow topped 20000 today”... **President Jonna** – **Scott Naumann** will preside next week because she’ll be with a group hiking to the floor of the Grand Canyon...

Leave a Rotary legacy... 3 ideas for a \$10,000 gift

By Jim Slavens

(Many thanks to Jim for this 4-part series of articles on your Rotary legacy.)



In May 2017 there will be a million-dollar dinner recognizing Rotarians who have: (1) Made a gift to the Rotary Foundation of \$10,000 or more, (2) Pledged a gift of \$10,000 or more over 5 years, or (3) Put in their last will and testament a gift to the Rotary Foundation of \$10,000 or more. There are many other possibilities, such as giving stocks or land or other assets to the Rotary Foundation.

Please take a minute today to set up a meeting with [Jim Slavens](#) or [Carl Loweth](#) to discuss your proposed Rotary legacy. Of course, tax deductions are available with a charitable gift.



The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, **President Jonna Shuler** called the meeting to order, and extended a welcome to the Bettendorf Rotary Club’s annual presentation of charitable grants. She led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and deferred to **Tom Howard** who, 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 **Mike Mickle**’s mother had died, and we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** who has entered a new phase of his cancer fight.



After introductions, the songfest resumed with renditions of “All Hail to Rotary” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests

- Jay Justin, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley
- Tom Bley, Camp Shalom
- Ann Wachal, Churches United of the Quad City Area
- Nisha Ladlee, Family Resources
- Mark Smith, Hand In Hand
- Jeff Ashcraft, Handicapped Development Center
- Jerry Jones, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
- Jodie Kavensky, NormaLeah Foundation / NormaLeah Ovarian Cancer Initiative
- Mary McNeil, NormaLeah Foundation
- Margot Day, Quad City Arts
- Betsy Huston, Rebuilding Together Quad Cities
- Carol Triebel, Rebuilding Together Quad Cities
- Aeron Bosworth, YouthHope Ministry
- Kevin Perrine, YouthHope Ministry
- Ryan Fick, Mel Foster Commercial, guest of **Ami Wells**
- Marie Hassel, guest of **Jeff Hassel**
- Linda Blaske, guest of **Greg Blaske**
- Deana Severs, piano player
- Tom Mielnick, guest of **Johanna Smith**

In all, 65 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 1 visiting Rotarian and 5 guests – in addition to our very special guests, the recipients of Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Grants.

And at the end...

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



Missing today...

- Boeye, Coin, G., Crist, Downing,
- Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone,
- Felsing, Gallagher Sr., Habenicht, Hurd,
- James, Kappeler, Kraft, Larsen, Lawrence,

Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mannix, Mickle, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Raso, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Slavens, Stone, Thein, Webster, Werner, Windmiller and Worner.

Meeting make-ups...

Rich James, Rotary Club of Summit County, Colo.

Dick Schillig, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

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

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

For more on Rotary International:

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

Upcoming meetings... and more

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

Feb. 1: Bret Dale of the River Music Experience, Davenport

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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From page 1: Charitable Grant recipients, from left, front: Nisha Ladlee, Family Resources; Carol Triebel, Rebuilding Together Quad Cities; Jodie Kavensky, NormaLeah Foundation; **center:** Kevin Perrine, YouthHope Ministry; Ann Wachal, Churches United of the Quad City Area; Jerry Jones, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center; Mark Smith, Hand in Hand; Margot Day, Quad City Arts; **back:** Jeff Ashcraft, Handicapped Development Center; Ton Bley, Camp Shalom, and Jay Justin, Bog Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley