



**THE
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ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at
Tanglewood Pavilion



**Program focuses on
improving leader skills**

“Improving the skills you need to succeed as a leader is far easier when you have the objective guidance of someone



you can trust,” says **Ginny Wilson Peters**, the principal of Integrity Integrated in Davenport, the scheduled speaker at our Feb 8 meeting.

“I’ve been where you are,” she goes on. “I know how much progress you – and your organization – can make when you reap the benefits of honest coaching from a skilled hand.

“I can help you with proven programs that identify the personal traits and characteristics that you already possess, cultivate them, and arm you with the skills that will help you lead. You’ll

discover ways to overcome self-defeating behaviors and use the abilities that you have to improve the way people respond to your leadership.”

Last meeting:
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**RME programs
‘almost double’**

With the death in December of Ellis Kell, who had been the moving force behind Davenport’s River Music Experience,

there was concern for the continuity of its educational programming. Current Programming Director **Brett Dale** relieved that concern at our Feb. 1 meeting. He said, “Ellis left us in great shape,” emphasizing that programs, especially those designed to reach young musicians, “have almost doubled” since Kell’s passing.



Brett, who started working at the RME 7 years ago, after touring with legendary blues-man Lonnie Brooks, said Ellis encouraged him “to walk in my own shoes” – with his guidance.

And so he has pursued what he called “the coolest job in the world,” reaching

kids with music education programs in schools and youth organizations as well as at the RME itself. He described some examples:



→ **The River Currents Tour** – which has reached 26,000 Davenport 5th graders in its 10 years of existence – brings kids to the Figge Art Museum for a half-day tour, with an emphasis on Mississippi River subjects. They move to the RME for lunch and another half-day of learning about all the genres of Mississippi Valley music – culminating in an opportunity to “write their own blues lyrics,” Brett said.

→ **The Winter Blues Camp** – which was just renamed **The Ellis Kell Winter Blues Camp** – brings kids into the RME daily for the week after Christmas to be taught how to play blues, soul and other river music. At the end of that week, the young musicians perform in the RME’s Redstone Room, he said.

→ Brett, Ellis Kell and members of the Mississippi Valley Blues Society visited the school for special education students in East Moline three years ago. That school serves students from preschool through grade 12, Brett said. “Music is important to them, but their school board had cut all funding for music programs,” he said. “So Ellis worked and found some funding, and we’re now in year 3 of music education there.”

A full slate of RME music education programs – including music lessons, music camps and regularly scheduled

performance events – can be found at <http://rivermusicexperience.org/Programs>

To get involved with the RME, Brett said, “Just stop by and ask anybody.”

Announcements...



→ **Putt-Around trophy comes back... sort of: Past President Scott Naumann** held up a puny trophy that he said the BRC team was awarded last year for winning the Rotary Challenge at the 2016 Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-Around mini-golf fundraiser. As reported in last week’s edition, we also won the 2017 Rotary Challenge – and this week, the team showed off a *real* trophy, a flashy, 2-story-high job that dominated the front of the room. Although it apparently didn’t come from BBBS, Scott seemed to suggest (you know how he can “suggest” something) that it more appropriately represented the monumental feat by the Bettendorf Rotary team – **Will Doland, Rich “Ozzie” Oswald, Todd Larson and Scott Naumann.**

→ **Leadership workshop:** Guest Barbara Hyde promoted her workshop, “The Leader in You: Essential Leadership Qualities that Transform Lives,” 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Benet House Retreat Center, St. Mary Monastery,

Rock Island. Cost is \$69 (includes lunch). To register, visit her Website: <https://barbarahyde.eventbrite.com>.

→ **And remember...**

→ **State of the City address** by our own



Mayor Bob Gallagher is scheduled for Wednesday, **Feb. 15**, at the Waterfront Convention Center. Mayor Bob said the doors open and lunch service begins at 11:30 – and his annual report to the city begins

about 12:20. This event replaces that day's regular BRC meeting.

→ **BRC's annual social** is slated for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Feb. 22**, at Davenport Country Club. No lunchtime meeting that day. Come prepared to consume soups, sandwiches and snacks, and be entertained by comedian Dan Deibert.

Happy \$\$...



Past President Scott Naumann collected **\$159** with special amounts from: **Todd Larson** – good to be back after being gone

for a while... **Harry Coin** – Dad **George Coin** is happy to report he's back in Florida and taking advantage of the weather there to log more bike-riding miles... **Dick Schillig** – 215 days to Labor Day and the 22nd annual Run with Carl... **Gwen Tombergs** (after some

nudges from Scott) – 4-month Chamber of Commerce fund and membership drive ended at 141% of goal... **Jerry Felsing** – issued invitation to the Home Builders Show this weekend at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island

The meeting opened...



The bell sounded. **Past President Scott Naumann** called the meeting to order, and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of "This Is My Country."

During the Moment of Silence we asked for healing for **Dave Deuth** who is scheduled to undergo implantation of stem cells very soon in his fight against lymphoma.

After introductions, the singing resumed with "R-O-T-A-R-Y" (two verses), "This Land Is Your Land" and the first-of-the-month favorite, "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians."

In February, those who especially got to savor their Tanglewood brownies were: 01, Laurie Hutcheson; 02, Michael Elledge; 03, Tom Kellenberger; 07, Michael Raso; 10, Gwen Tombergs; 13, Paul Scranton; 14, Ron Crist; 16, Tim Downing; 22, Tricia Gross; 23, S.K. Nanda; 25, Craig Windmiller.



Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian Guests

Tom Mielnick

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Larry O'Brien, retired from John Deere, guest of **Todd Larsen**

Barbara Hyde, Barbara Hyde & Associates, guest of **Scott Naumann**

Crystal Doland, Doland Jewelers, guest of **Will Doland**

Brett Dale, River Music Experience, speaker

Libby Wilson, guest of **Dr. Julie Meyers**

In all, 52 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 7 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Todd Larsen**

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

A new Mit Moment...

But before that, **Past President Scott** brought back the "Mit Moment" from the

days of **Frank Mitvalsky's** presidency. Mit told us this fable (paraphrased):

When the farmer and his wife returned home from shopping, Mouse looked on eagerly as they opened their parcels. He was horrified to see a new mousetrap among their purchases.



In despair, Mouse ran to the barn to share the bad news with the other animals. "Chicken,"

he said, "there's a mousetrap in the farmhouse. What shall we do?"

"Well, I don't see there's anything to do," Chicken replied. "I'm sorry for you that it's there, but it doesn't really affect me at all."

Shocked, Mouse scurried among other animals in the barn and shared his concern with Pig and Cow as well. They agreed with Chicken: "I'm sorry for you, but it doesn't really affect me."

During the night, a loud "SNAP!" sounded in the farmhouse kitchen. When the farmer's wife went to investigate, she found, not the mouse, but a snake whose tail was caught in the mousetrap. It bit her and she fell ill.

In an attempt to make her well, the farmer killed Chicken to make soup. But to no avail. As his wife's condition deteriorated, neighbors and friends came to help, and the farmer had to kill and slaughter Pig to provide meat to feed them.

The farmer's wife died, and so many people came to the funeral that the farmer had to kill and slaughter Cow to feed the mourners.

The moral of the story, Frank pointed out, is that when something affects one person, in some way it has an impact on all of us. "So take an interest in others' problems and work to help solve them. That's what we as Rotarians strive to do when we follow our motto, 'Service Above Self'."

Missing today...

Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Chambers, Coin, G., Crist, DeDoncker, Downing, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Gross, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraft, Kraus, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Paplinski, Partridge, Ploehn, Powell, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Slavens, Webster and Windmiller



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:



- Feb. 8:** Ginny Wilson Peters: Integrity integrated
- 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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