



**THE  
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Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, at  
**Davenport Country Club**



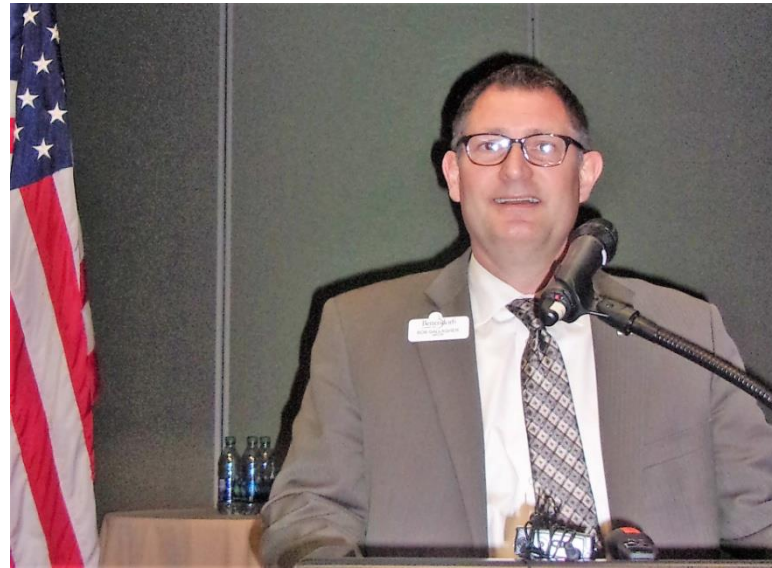
**It's party time at the  
Davenport Country Club**

BRC's annual social is slated for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Davenport Country Club. There will be no lunchtime meeting. The planned menu includes soups, sandwiches and snacks. Beverages will be available. We'll be entertained by comedian Dan Deibert.

Reservations are just \$10 per person – members and guests.

If you haven't yet made your reservation, this is your last call. It's easy – just contact **Secretary Johanna Smith** (<http://bettendorfrotary.com/>).

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017



**Mayor describes  
imminent growth**

In the second State of the City Address of his second 4-year term, **Mayor Bob Gallagher** took a crowd of Bettendorf civic leaders, service-club members and other interested citizens on a fact-filled “tour” of how the city stands and where it's headed this year.

At the time on Feb. 15 when the Bettendorf Rotary Club usually has its weekly meeting, Mayor Bob was presenting his annual report at the Waterfront Convention Center.

He marked the progress and plans for the city in each of its five goals: financial soundness, Mississippi River / downtown development, business growth, orderly city growth – all of which culminate in Goal 5: being “a premier city.”

Based on financial soundness – a stable income stream, Aa2 credit rating, “substantial home growth” and yet the lowest general fund tax levy rate among Iowa’s 38 cities with populations above 10,000 – Bettendorf eyes progress in such projects as these this year:

→ On the long-awaited I-74 Mississippi river bridge, “you’ll see work in the river after July 4”

→ A “five-node downtown development plan” will be set in motion to raise the area’s attractiveness with new amenities and renovated facilities

→ In one key piece of that, the troubled Twin Bridges Model will be razed and replaced with a twin-tower, 135-unit multi-use facility



→ Near the Waterfront Convention Center, development of the Town Square block will move ahead

→ A new use for the former Lodge hotel site will make up part of development in the I-74 Technology Park along Utica Ridge Road that extends well beyond Tanglefoot Lane

→ Miles of new and upgraded paving will be seen along major streets in several sections of the city

Parks, sports facilities, additional miles of bike lanes and recreational trails – along with some new and expanded festivals and special events – all add to the city’s amenities.



Mayor Bob said the city’s new zoning ordinance, which takes effect this spring, facilitates a mix of uses near each other that will give shape to both downtown redevelopment and new neighborhood development throughout Bettendorf.

### Announcements...

→ **Oops! Someone got wrong coat after State of City.** One person who attended the State of the City Address on Wednesday accidentally walked out of the Waterfront Convention Center with the wrong coat. The coat was camel-colored wool, size Small or X-Small, with black gloves in the pockets.

The coat left hanging at the convention center was also camel-colored. Please double-check that you took your coat from the meeting. If you have the wrong coat, please contact **Secretary Johanna Smith**, [bettendorffrotary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorffrotary@gmail.com)

→ **Help BRC win the Governor’s Citation.** BRC is working to meet the guidelines for the District 6000 Governor’s Citation this year. “We are so close!” said **President Jonna Schuler**. One criterion says: “Having at least 50% of club members registered in “My Rotary” on the Rotary International Website.

To make certain you are registered at My Rotary – which is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with Rotary International news – simply go to <https://myrotary.org/en> and **Register for an account**. After answering a few questions, you'll receive an email directing you to activate your account.

➔**Dave Deuth update:** After the meeting, **Bill Daley** said that **Dave Deuth**, who remains at the Mayo Clinic after having his stem cells implanted, is “doing very well... *very well*.” To follow Dave, go to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org), and search for David Deuth. “You may have to sign in the first time,” Bill said.

### **The meeting opened...**

As master of ceremonies, **BRC President Jonna Schuler** welcomed the crowd assembled at the Waterfront Convention Center for **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** 2017 State of the City Address. She introduced Brian Strusz, president of the Bettendorf Kiwanis Club, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. Richard Pokora, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, gave the Invocation.

After lunch, Rob Woodall, chair of the Quad City Chamber of Commerce, introduced the mayor.

Before beginning his address, Mayor Bob made some introductions of his own: the mayors of Eldridge, Moline and Davenport; U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack's Quad-City representative, and city officials, including City Council members, **City Manager Decker Ploehn** and department heads.

### **Secretary Johanna Smith reported the BRC attendance...**

#### **Visiting Rotarian**

Dave Borcharding, Iowa QC Rotary

#### **Guests**

John Davidshofer, American Bank & Trust, guest of **Jeff Hill**

Sue Gallagher, guest of **Bob Gallagher Sr.**

Nalini Nanda, guest of **S.K. Nanda**

Reid Windmiller, Windmiller Development, guest of **Craig Windmiller**

Sandy Partridge, guest of **Jim Partridge**

Lee Garlach, First State Bank, guest of **Jennifer Garlach**

In all, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 guests.

### **Missing today...**

Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Campion, Chambers, Coin, G., Coin, H., Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dugan, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Foster, Franks, Gross, Habenicht, Hassel, Hopkins, Howard, Hurd, James, Kraft, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Oswald, Pacha, Peart, Powers, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Thompson, and Werner



### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

**Make-ups...**

Rich James, Rotary Club of Summit County, Colo.

**Upcoming meetings... and more**

... Meeting programs thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scottn@midlandcom.com](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:

**Feb. 22:** no regular meeting; BRC’s annual social – Davenport Country Club



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