



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

Lead(h)er links young professionals, leaders

Since 2016, a Quad-City organization named Lead(h)er, which says its mission is “to connect young professional women with experienced leaders to fuel career and community engagement,” has already paired some 80 young women and



community leaders, according to **Melissa Pepper**, the group’s founder and our March 8 speaker.

Lead(h)er makes those matches through a program called “Strike a Match,” which it defines as “mentorship

centered on one-on-one relationships and building a circle of influence.”

Melissa is director of marketing and client relations at the Lane & Waterman law firm in Davenport. A wife and mom, she says she also is “a frequent speaker on marketing and mentorship.” She is the founder of Lead(h)er. More information is available at www.leadherqc.org.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, March 1, 2017



Bono retires, Ringo takes over

That’s not a headline from *Rolling Stone*. It’s a description of what has happened recently in the K-9 corps at the Bettendorf Police Dept.

Canine officer **Zach Swarz** (above left) introduced the club to Ringo, the BPD’s 2-year-old Belgian Malinois, as he and former K-9 officer **Josh Paul** (right; handler for Bono, who retired at age 10) demonstrated some of Ringo’s abilities at the March 1 meeting.

Zach said Ringo has been trained to track a suspect, sniff out a range of narcotics, apprehend a suspect (that's a nice way of saying "bite a suspect," Zach said) and locate items a suspect might drop during a chase. On his first day on the job after completing local training, Zach said he detected \$50,000 or meth-amphetamine during a bust.

While he rides along with Zach during his 3rd-shift patrols, Ringo has used his special skills 71 times since joining the force last year – in some cases for the Davenport PD. With about a dozen trained K-9s among greater QC police forces, dogs work fairly often for any department that needs them during their shift, Zach said.

As Zach demonstrated Ringo's ability to find some drugs he had hidden previously in the room, he told us that the Malinois's ability to smell is "about 50 better" than a human's. While Ringo was trained in the U.S., his predecessor Bono (also a Malinois) was trained in Hungary – and Josh had to learn all of the commands he would use in Hungarian.

In retirement, Bono continues to live with Josh's family. Ringo, who now spends his off-time with Zach's family, will likely have a similar retirement, Zach said.

Induction of new members...

S.K. Nanda presided over the induction of three new members:

→**Thomas Mielnik**, an electric engineer, retired from MidAmerican Energy in 2009. He and his wife Debra, an interior designer, are parents of three adult daughters, who reside in Kansas City, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.



Todd Seemann, Tom Mielnik and Larry O'Brien all were inducted at today's meeting.

→**Larry O'Brien** recently retired from the Construction and Forestry division of John Deere, where he handled sales, finance and marketing assignments. A Canadian, Larry and his wife Debby moved to Bettendorf about 20 years ago. They are parents of a daughter, who is a graduate of Iowa State University, and a son who is a student at the University of Iowa.

→After a career as an electrician, **Todd Seemann** now applies his experience and knowledge of technology to handle outside sales for Reference Audio, Video & Security, Davenport. He and his wife Christel, a family practice physician, are parents of five adult children

Rotary Foundation update...



Before presiding over the new-member inductions, **S.K. Nanda** provided a reminder of the world-wide impact of our efforts – when combined with those of Rotary clubs everywhere:

"March is the month when Rotary International spotlights the need for clean water and sanitation," S.K. said. "More

than 800 million people lack these fundamental elements of good health.” He explained that half of our dues money goes to support international projects, while the other half returns to Rotary districts to support projects done by individual clubs and the districts as a whole.

Announcements...

→If your birthday’s in March:

President Jonna, as she does each first-of-the-month meeting, reminded especially those named below to invite a prospective member to a meeting this month.

→**Renew pledge to Bettendorf Rotary Foundation: Kevin Kraft** said this is the second year of BRC’s 5-year initiative to grow the club’s own foundation by \$50,000 (we topped the \$10,000-per-year goal in ’16) to ensure that the club always has the funds to cover its charitable giving – just in case planned fundraising should happen to fall short.



→Top LobsterFest sponsors to repeat:

LobsterFest Committee co-chairs **Ann Kappeler,**

Kristine Stone and **Secretary Johanna Smith** announced that the 2016 Co-Presenting Sponsors – Triumph Community Bank (**John DeDoncker**) and Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Bill Daley**) – have agreed to repeat their role for the 11th annual fundraiser in June 2017. In other LobsterFest developments:

→Silent auction excitement is already building with the announcement of this premier item: Four tickets to a Chicago performance of the touring production of

“Hamilton” plus an overnight hotel stay. →“We’re also working on Cubs-Cardinals tickets,” the co-chairs said – date still to be announced.

→All members were urged to make plans to sponsor the event, “jump in” with imaginative auction items and purchase tables.

BRC Happy \$\$...



President Jonna collected \$403 with special amounts from: **Bill Daley** – **Dave Deuth** is home from his treatment at the Mayo Clinic, and

building up his strength... **Brad Morrison** – an invitation to join him at his table at the fundraising banquet to benefit YouthHope Outreach Ministry (bradmorrisonusa@gmail.com)...

Kevin Kraft – \$100 check including a mystery number for this year’s birthday... **Brent Werner** – daughter, after some tough medical challenges, now a year old... **Ken Vandersnick** – great-niece on winning Annawan basketball team + thanks for last week’s party and today’s program... **John Sherrick** – another clean quarterly report from Mayo Clinic... **Kelly Love-Sherrick** – last daughter has entered kindergarten... **Tracy Naab** – birthday... **Tin Lane** – basketball game he attended set a noise record... **Mike Mickle** – son on state basketball squad... **Kris Stone** – celebrating ISU Cyclones’ return to the Top 25 (No. 24) + moving to a new job in June... **Dr. Tom Olson** – gotta leave early... teeth waiting... **Tom Howard** – celebrating Purdue atop the Big 10 in basketball... **Decker Ploehn** – “happy to

give you the Scott County Auditor's phone number"

The meeting opened...

President Jonna Schuler welcomed all to the first meeting after two "road trips" (to hear **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** State of the City Address and for the annual Social). She opened by leading the recitation of The Four-Way Test.

Tom Howard, accompanied by pianist Gail Baldwin, led the singing of "The National Anthem. President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned that **Dave Deuth** has returned home after successful treatment at the Mayo Clinic

After introductions, Tom and Gail renewed the songfest with "Sing, Everyone, Sing!" "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover" (since we're having an early spring) and "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians." The BRC members marking March birthdays, and helping themselves to a treat, are: 04, Tracy Naab; 07, Jim Spelhaug; 15, Glenn Dugan; 16, Rich James; 21, Jenny Garlach, Chelsea Powers; 23, Mike Mickle; 25, Rick Bormann, Tim "Chopper"



Shea; 31, Ron Crist, Dave Falk, and Kevin Kraft

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests

Aaron Howard, Mandela Integrative (**President Jonna Schuler** guest)
Gail Baldwin, pianist
John McDermott, First Central State Bank (**Brad Morrison** guest)
Rob Spykstra, Morningstar Academy (**John Rabine** guest)

In all, 63 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 4 guests.

Missing today...

Ashby, Boeye, Bormann, Calabrese, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., Dobesh, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Franks, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, James, Kellenberger, Kraus, Lawrence, Loweth, Mannix, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Nelson, Powell, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Slavens, Thompson, Wells, Worner

Missing at the Feb. 22 Social...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Campion, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dugan, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Foster, Franks, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hopkins, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Kellenberger, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naab, Nelson, Olson, Oswald, Ploehn, Powers, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Schwab, Scranton, Seemann, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Stone, Thein, Thompson, Werner, Windmiller, Worner

But present at the Social...



President Jonna Schuler welcomed members, spouses and other guests to the 2017 Winter Social at the Davenport Country Club on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The crowd enjoyed a sandwich buffet, sides, conversation and a monologue by QC comedian Dan Deibert.

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:

March 8: Melissa Pepper: Lead(h)er – pairing your professionals and community leaders



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