

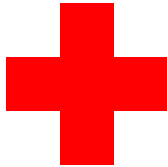


THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 22, 2017, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 29, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion



American Red Cross

Update what you know about the QC Red Cross

The scheduled speaker for the March 29 meeting is **Amber Wood**, executive director of the American Red Cross serving the Quad Cities and west central Illinois.

Amber has been with the Red Cross since 2008 when she became a community chapter executive in Clinton, Iowa. Over the next five years she also took on management duties at Red Cross offices in Rock Falls, Ill., and Dubuque, Iowa.

In October 2014, Amber was named executive director for a newly formed Red Cross unit serving the Quad Cities and west central Illinois, a 19-county area that also serves northeast Missouri.

Amber has a Bachelor of Science in communications technology management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a Masters of Arts in organizational management from Ashford University. She is a Davenport Rotarian.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, March 122, 2017



Tips for upping your home safety

Shane Peitscher, an 8-year veteran of the Bettendorf Fire Department, knows many ways to make the home safer, and he passed along many of them at the March 22 meeting. While fire safety is the centerpiece of his profession, Shane included two other types of household hazards – falls and poisoning – in his discussion of accident prevention. The top five causes of fatalities in the home,

he reported, are falls, poisoning, fires, choking and water.

Falls: Shane outlined the most effective ways to prevent falls in the home:

- Remove trip hazards, such as loose rugs or clutter, especially in walkways
- Install support bars in shower stalls and at bathtubs
- Make sure stairways, and even a few steps, have railings
- Improve lighting throughout the home



- Use a ladder safely – for example, make sure it's in good condition, wear non-slip footwear, keep your body centered and do not reach beyond an arm's length from that position. [For more tips, see:

[http://www.americanladderinstitute.org/?page=BasicLadderSafety.](http://www.americanladderinstitute.org/?page=BasicLadderSafety)]

Poison prevention: Shane offered these guidelines:

- Keep medicines in their original bottles
- Get rid of unused drugs
- Keep prescriptions in a safe (locked?) place, especially away from small children
- Keep household chemicals in their original container, or clearly labeled
- Never mix chemicals – *especially* bleach and ammonia
- Store chemicals where small children can't find them – preferably, locked away
- Only use chemicals where there's plenty of fresh air

Fire prevention: Since more fires start in the kitchen than in any other room, Shane advised:

- Keep a fire extinguisher, easily accessible, near cooking areas

→ Make sure it hasn't reached its expiration date. If it has expired, replace it, and, Shane said later, bring the old one to any Bettendorf fire station

→ Install a smoke detector and keep it in working order

→ Keep baking soda handy – it will safely smother a grease fire

Because heating often causes fire during cold weather, Shane said:

→ Keep space heaters in proper condition and at least 3 feet from anything flammable

→ Never use a space heater overnight

→ Keep flammables away from a fireplace

→ Clean the fireplace chimney every year

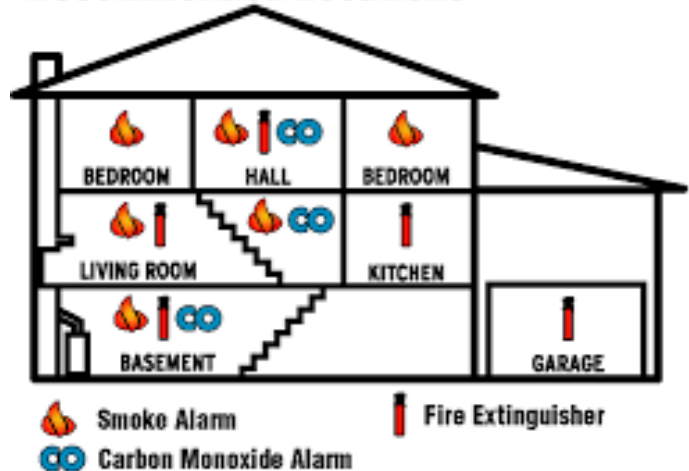
→ Keep all storage at least 3 feet from a water heater

In the laundry room, to prevent a dryer fire, Shane advised:

→ Make sure it has been installed by a professional

→ Clean lint from the lint trap after each use, and clear lint regularly from the exhaust

Recommended Locations



Smoke detectors: About 21% of home fires occur in houses where a smoke detector is not working, Shane warned. The National Fire Protection Association,

he pointed out, recommends homes should have smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Each bedroom should have two exits, he added – the door and a window. For added home safety, he also recommended:

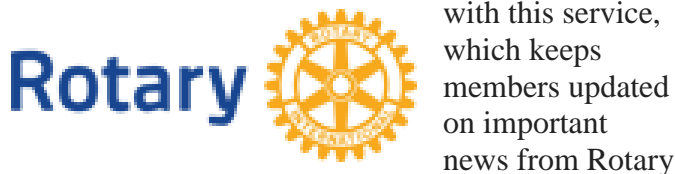
- A carbon monoxide detector
- A fire emergency plan, that every family member knows and practices
- And knowing where and how to shut off the house’s water and electric feeds

[For more on home smoke detectors:
<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/smoke-alarms/installing-and-maintaining-smoke-alarms>]

Announcements...

→**New member project: President Jonna Schuler** announced that the new members are planning a “Betten-Do” (finished in one day) project – and that **Rick Gormann** will have details at next week’s meeting.

→**Sign up at MyRotary.org: President Jonna** urged more members to sign up



with this service, which keeps members updated on important news from Rotary

International. Her goal is to have more than 50% of our 105 members signed up – and we’re only a few away from that already. It’s easy (I just did it):

- Go to <https://myrotary.org>
- Click on the box: Register for an Account
- The Account Registration box asks for your First Name, Last Name and Sign-in Email, and asks you to confirm you’re age 18 or older
- You’ll get a secure link delivered to the sign-in email you just gave them

→After you go to the link, click Set Up Account: Create and Confirm a Password, and select a Security Question and Answer it.

→Click the Create Account button (check Remember Me and Profile boxes, if you want, and update your already-existing profile information)

It took me only a few minutes. It’ll likely take you less time, because you won’t have to take notes.

→**Donate items for LobsterFest:** In case you missed the email from **Secretary**

Johanna Smith, it reiterated **Gwen Tombergs’** request for the silent auction/raffle help raise funds at LobsterFest. Items of “all shapes, dollar amounts and sizes” are needed. Gwen and her team



of creative volunteers will assemble them into baskets that will entice lots of bids.

→ **These sponsors have signed on, as of March 22:** They account for \$31,500 in committed sponsorships (\$21,500 in cash and \$10,000 in in-kind):

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(bettendorfrotary@gmail.com).

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Jonna collected \$203 with specially meaningful amounts from:
Harry Coin – enjoyed a concert from a quartet that included **Jerry Higgs** + son is now officially a junior at Loyola...
Ron Crist – 50th birthday + happy to have brought his guest, Dan Flynn...
Ami Wells – enjoyed spring break in Colorado, where she skied 5 days out of 6...
Christy Gause – absolutely didn't ski on spring break... in the Turks and Caicos...
Decker Ploehn – took the City Council to Washington, D.C., for his spring break...
Tom Howard – happy there are still 3 Big 10 teams in the Big Dance, including Purdue.



The meeting opened...

President Jonna Schuler rang the bell, opened the meeting and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Deana Severs** on the piano, led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." Jonna returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and preside over Moments of Silence, during which we supported **Dave Deuth** in his recovery, and learned that **Jeff "Boomer" Hill**'s brother has been diagnosed with cancer and that **Lee Marbach** has undergone surgery.

After introductions, Tom and Deana led the singing of "That Rotary Wheel" and "Zip-A-Dee Doo-Dah."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary

Guests

Deana Severs, piano player

Tom Schwanke, **Tom Howard** guest

Shane Pietscher, Bettendorf Fire Department (speaker)

Ernie Saldivar, **Scott Naumann** guest

Dan Flynn, **Ron Crist** guest

Cory Clark, **Jonna Schuler** guest

In all, 51 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Christy Gause** won the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in the drawing from among all those members who shared their happiness and some extra \$\$ in this week’s *BRC Happy \$\$*.



Missing today...

Ashby, Blaske, Boeye, Bormann, Chambers, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felsing, Franks, Garlach, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hopkins, Hurd, Hutcheson, James, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Oswald, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Seemann, Shea, Sorenson, Thompson, Windmiller, and Worner

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 Hills Pavilion

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi’s Restaurant, Davenport

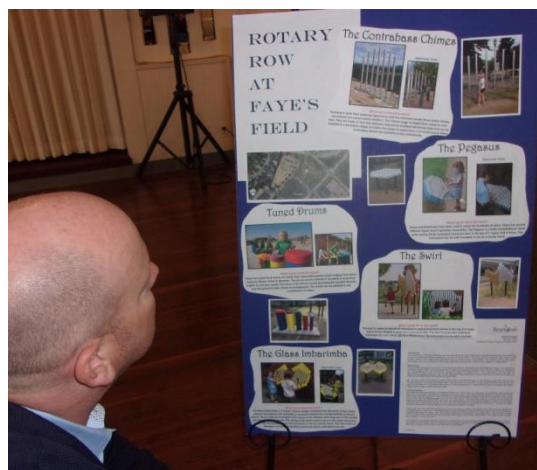
Thursday, 7 a.m.: Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue, Davenport

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

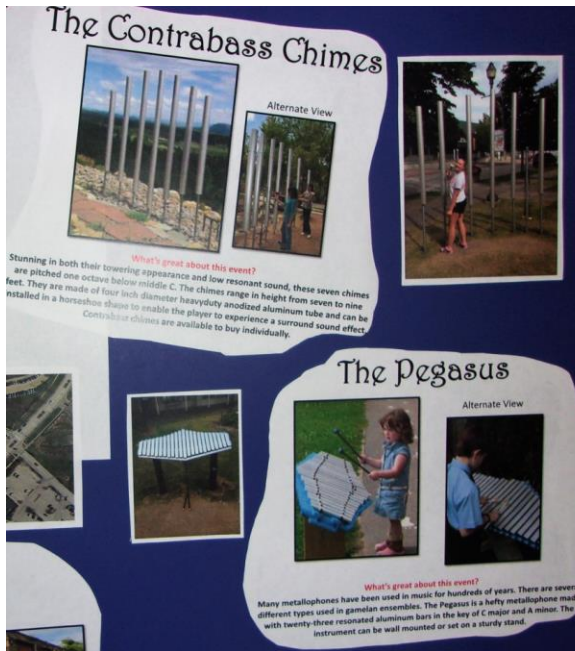


Jarod Powell looks over the poster explaining Rotary Row at Faye’s Field – and how a BRC grant helped buy chimes for the path that winds through this feature of Bettendorf’s Learning Campus.

In case you missed it...

There was a poster at the front of the meeting room March 22 that tells the full story of chimes coming to Rotary Row at Faye’s Field, a part of Bettendorf’s Learning Campus. Faye’s Field got its name from a Bettendorf Rotarian, the late Faye Clow, the club’s first woman president and the longtime head of the

Bettendorf Public Library. One segment of the path through the field features various chimes that passers-by can play. Here's a detail of the poster (which could be at next week's meeting, too):



Upcoming meetings... and more

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

March 29: Amber Wood: American Red Cross of the Quad Cities and west central Illinois

Saturday, June 10:
11th Annual LobsterFest,
Tanglewood Hills Pavilion



For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

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