



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
March 29, 2017, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017,  
At Tanglewood Pavilion

## **John DeDoncker presents 2017 'state of economy'**

For the last several years, **John DeDoncker**, Triumph Community Bank,



has presented a roundup of economic indicators and trends, compiling an annual "state of the economy" report. He will present his latest update on the economy at the April 5 meeting.

While the trends of the year since his latest report are a matter of history, it may prove more difficult for him to craft projections for the next 12 months of the Donald J. Trump administration. So far, one economic indicator, the stock market, rose in hopes that his pro-business campaign promises would aid the economy, yet fell back when he failed to deliver on his first campaign promise, to "repeal and replace 'Obamacare'." Other issues that will impact the 2017 economy certainly lie ahead.

***Last meeting:***  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017



## **Red Cross aids human suffering**

In her remarks at the March 29 meeting, **Amber Wood**, executive director of the American Red Cross division that serves the Quad Cities and west central Illinois, outlined the seven fundamental principles that guide the organization's work and decisions. She also described several programs that apply those principles to help people in times of distress.

Health and safety are perhaps the top priorities in Red Cross programs, Amber said, noting how many of them focus on helping people after a disaster, whether it affects many, such as a flood, or impacts just one family, like a house fire. The top Red Cross campaign, therefore, focuses on home fires. Nationally, she pointed out, they occur an average of 17 times per day, cause some 2,500 deaths and cause damage in the billions of dollars.

To reduce the number and impact of home fires, she said, the Red Cross carries out educational programs so people learn ways to make their homes safer and promotes the use of smoke alarms. Last year in the QC region, the Red Cross provided a smoke alarm to a family of seven – who all survived a fire that happened to occur less than 12 hours later, she said.

At the whole-community level, Amber said the Red Cross aids disaster-response planning so neighbors can help neighbors respond quickly in case of a flood or tornado, for example, as well as work effectively with Red Cross-trained volunteers from outside the affected community.



**American  
Red Cross**

Early in her presentation, Amber noted the range of Red Cross programs – from blood donation to CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) training – and BRC members have participated in many of them.

The seven fundamental principles that guide the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement are:

→Humanity: “...to prevent and alleviate human suffering...”

→Impartiality: “... guided solely by [the individuals’] needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases...”

→Neutrality: “...not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies...”

→Independence: “... The (Red Cross) ... must always maintain (its) autonomy...”

→Voluntary service: “...not prompted in any manner by desire for gain”

→Unity: “...only one Red Cross... Society in any one country...”

→Universality: “The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities...”

The QC Red Cross will sponsor a Picnic on the River the evening of June 23 at Schwiebert Park on the Rock Island riverfront.

### **Announcements...**

→**New member project: Rick Bormann** announced details of the new-

member “Betten-Do” project – renovation of the deck just outside our meeting room at

Tanglewood Pavilion. The project will take place in two phases: painting the first coat

starting about 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 28 – with freshly grilled burgers and beverages afterward, and painting the second coat about 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30. New members could sign up on the sheet that Rick passed around – or you can contact him:

[rick.v.bormann@mchsi.com](mailto:rick.v.bormann@mchsi.com).



→**Looking for new members: Harry Coin** said we have an opportunity to meet and invite prospective members from businesses “in our neighborhood” – along State Street. He asked anyone who knows someone in that area to introduce Harry to them (you can contact him at: [hgcoin@gmail.com](mailto:hgcoin@gmail.com)) – and he’ll take it from there.

➔ **Donate items for LobsterFest: Gwen Tombergs** followed up her request for



silent auction / raffle items at the LobsterFest. She especially is looking for overnight accommodations for four at a Chicago hotel or condo on

Saturday, July 22, and for gift cards of \$50 or more at QC restaurants. And she's still seeking items of "all shapes, dollar amounts and sizes" to fill baskets.

Contact Gwen

([gtombergs@quadcitieschamber.com](mailto:gtombergs@quadcitieschamber.com))

or **Ann Kappeler (563.343.1391** or

([Annkappeler1950@gmail.com](mailto:Annkappeler1950@gmail.com)).

And, speaking of LobsterFest, here's the March 29 update to:

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➔ **Rotary Code of Conduct:** Prompted by **Rich "Ozzy" Oswald's** mention of the Rotarian Code of Conduct, **Bill Daley** printed business-card size cards with the Code on one side and the 4-Way Test on the other. He distributed them to all members present – and it looked as if there are still plenty of copies left, so if you didn't get one, ask Bill for one next time you see him.



➔**Sign up at MyRotary.org: President Jonna** said 48 members have now signed up with this service, which keeps members updated on news from Rotary International. That's still shy of our club goal of more than 50% of our 105 members. So sign up. It's fast and easy to do; go to: <https://myrotary.org>.

### **BRC Happy \$\$...**

**President Jonna** collected \$158 with special amounts from these especially happy members: **Steve Piart** – \$10 for 10 years retires... **Tom Mielnik** – loving taking care of grandkids, ages 8 and 5... **“Ozzy” Oswald** – his favorite hockey player (his son) just had his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday... **Jenny Garlach** – a check for her birthday... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – her chiropractic practice, LiveWell Chiropractic & Wellness, 3456 Holiday Court, is 4 years old, and she's having an open house next Wednesday... **Tricia Gross** – announcing the grand opening of Parker Audiology, 2440 Tech Drive, Suite 4, with an Open House, 12:30-2 p.m., Friday, March 31.

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



The bell rang, **President Jonna Schuler** opened the meeting and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of the day's patriotic song, “This Is My Country.”

Jonna returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and preside over Moments of Silence, during which we supported **Dave Deuth** in his recovery and **Jeff “Boomer” Hill**, whose brother Rod has

been diagnosed with cancer, and got an update on **Lee Marbach**, who remains in hospital after surgery to remove a benign tumor.

After introductions, Tom and Gail led the singing of “A Helping Hand” (two verses) and “Side by Side.”

### **Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...**

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

Amber Wood, American Red Cross (speaker) / Davenport Rotary

Geoff Manas, Moline Rotary

#### **Guests**

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Tim Harrington, State Farm Insurance

In all, 55 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians

### **And at the end...**

... of the meeting, **Jenny Garlach** 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...**

Blaske, Calabrese, Chambers, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Downing, Dugan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hopkins, Hurd, James, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Marbach, Martinez, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Powell, Powers, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Slavens, Spelhaug, Wells, and Werner

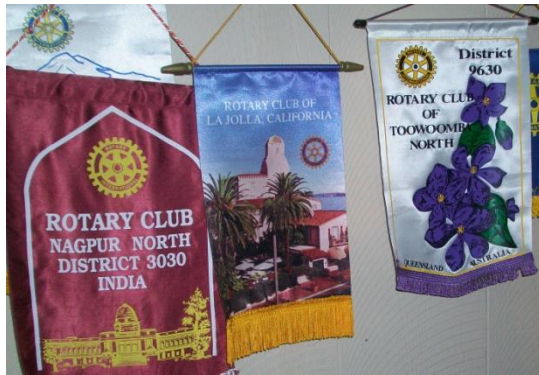


## Make-ups...

Jenny Garlach, Moline Rotary

Tony Calabrese, North Scott Rotary

Rich James, Summit County, Colo., 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, 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 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

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

## Upcoming meetings... and more

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

**April 5:** Our own **John DeDoncker** presents his annual economic update

**April 12:** Kim Kurtenbach, actress, entrepreneur, survivor.

**April 19:** Richard Pokora: Bettendorf Business Network

**Saturday, June 10: BRC’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual LobsterFest, Tanglewood Hills Pavilion**

## BRC News staff...

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