



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 12, 2017, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, April 19, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

**Learn more about Bett.
Business Network**

The scheduled speaker for the April 19 meeting is Richard Pokora of the Bettendorf Business Network.

The BBN “intends to serve the more than 900 merchants and service providers in the greater Bettendorf, Iowa area,” according to its Website.

It “promotes the commercial, industrial and civic interests of (its) members in an effort to advance the growth and development of the business environment in the greater Bettendorf area. This mission will be attained through networking events, educational programs, business advocacy, business services and civic involvement.”



The BBN Mission Statement concludes, “We offer our members value through a firm commitment to promote shopping in Bettendorf and to support civic improvement projects which make our community a desirable place to live.”

Last meeting:
Wednesday, April 12, 2017



**Tell your story –
and help others**

At the April 12 meeting professional speaker **Kim Kurtenbach** identified herself as “one of 7.13 billion persons on this planet,” and she stressed that each of us has an important story to tell.

As much as we all would like to “write our own story,” said the professional actress, producer, director and adjunct faculty member (at St. Ambrose University), “we are not always in control of our own story.” Whatever happens, whether for good or ill, “we do have control over how we react,” she said. “That is our choice. We can choose to turn a tragedy or difficulty into a positive.”



After her presentation, Kim spoke with many members, including Tom Howard.

To illustrate, Kim related three incidents from her own life. As a 7th grader she and classmates excitedly prepared for a dance recital. They were to begin the number cloaked in trench coats. When the music changed suddenly to a new key, they were to throw off the coats and dance the rest of the number in typical costumes – tops, shorts and tights. As Kim tossed off her coat, the dancer beside her gasped and pointed – in her hurry, Kim had left off her shorts.

She ran off the stage, left the theatre and hid under a bush. Her father ran after her, found her and said, “I know you’re embarrassed, but I promise that one day you will tell this story to a roomful of strangers, and they’ll laugh – *with you.*” He made her return and finish the dance.

“So, here I am. And I have my pants on,” Kim quipped. “I made a choice.”

At age 20, she embarrassed herself in a restaurant – on a first date – and hid in the restroom. As she planned how she could escape, the date was waiting for her as she emerged from the restroom. He persuaded her to return to their table. She did, and they later married. “I made a choice,” she added.

At age 40, after a divorce and other difficulties, she was diagnosed with

stage-3 ovarian cancer. The treatment was extreme, but “in that moment, when life had thrown so much at me, I had to make a decision.” A friend told her of an elderly woman who was dying and needed a caregiver. They met, and the woman, Esther, said, “I can’t imagine a better smile to look at for the last three months of my life.” So Kim helped the woman until she died.

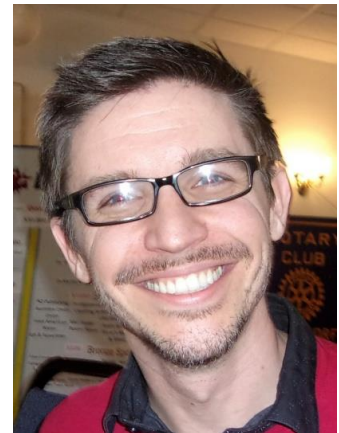
Kim said that made her change her own life’s focus – she had a new purpose.

Her hair grew back, she started a new business and three years later she has tripled her income, she said. “In giving back, here are great rewards,” she said. “There’s power in prayer and positivity.

“Use the gift of your story to make someone else’s story better.”

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[**Daniel Sheridan**, artistic director of the Davenport Junior Theatre, introduced Kim Kurtenbach, our featured speaker. Now 66 years old, the Davenport youth theatre program is the second oldest children’s theater in the U.S. “We’re here for the kids,” ages 3-18 years, said Daniel, an alumnus of the program himself. This year its program will draw some 1,700 children, who will be taught by a staff of more than 30. DJT is in the midst of a fund drive to renovate its facilities, last updated 36 years ago. It resides at 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport 52803 (563.356.7862). To learn more, go to www.DavenportJuniorTheatre.org.]





New-member induction...

➔ **Aaron Howard** was inducted by **S.K. Nanda**, and received his membership pin from **President Jonna**. Aaron is a health coach and registered nurse with Mandala Integrative Medicine, Davenport. Besides helping people improve their health and nutrition, he enjoys playing league basketball. Aaron is an Iowa State University grad, where he was a member of the football team.

Before the induction, S.K. noted 30 years ago a California Rotary club inducted two women members – and lost its charter. But that led the way for the bylaws change, and now there are more than 250,000 women Rotarians.

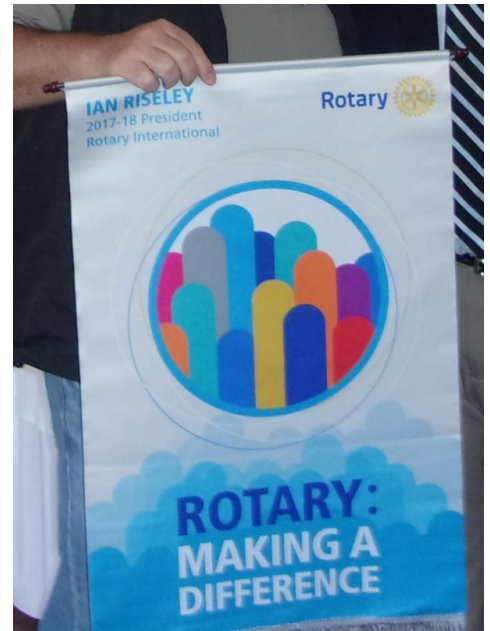
Presentation...



➔ **District 6000 Assistant Gov. Gary Loss** (who's also president of Davenport Rotary) presented **President-elect Tim**

Lane the banner of 2017-18 Rotary International **President Ian Riseley**, which features his slogan: “Rotary:

Making a Difference.” Among the differences, Gary noted, the incoming international president has set goals of planting 1.2 million trees, one for each Rotarian on Earth, and increasing the percentage of women members of Rotary, now at about 22%.



Announcements...

➔ **Chiming in at Rotary Row at Faye’s Field: President Jonna Schuler** reported the chimes have been installed at Rotary Row at Faye’s Field – and kids have been observed playing them. “So, go see them,” Jonna urged. “And play them yourself.” The chimes will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 5.

➔ **LobsterFest is happening! Ann Kappeler** and **Secretary Johanna Smith** updated info on Bettendorf Rotary’s top fundraising event – the evening of Saturday, June 10, under a gigantic party tent on the grounds of Tanglewood Pavilion.

The premier Silent Auction item so far comprises 4 tickets to the July 29 performance of “Hamilton” plus 2 rooms at a nearby hotel. Plus lots, lots more...



Tickets are now on sale – at \$75 per seat / \$520 per table of 8. To purchase tickets, please contact **Penny McGimpsey** (pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com). And a reminder: if you prefer steak, instead of lobster, please tell Penney as you order.

Here's the latest update of sponsors of 2017 LobsterFest:

\$48,000 in committed sponsorships
(\$25,000 in cash – \$23,000 in-kind)

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➔New member project: Rick

Bormann said there's still room for two more new-member volunteers for the "Betten-Do" project – renovation of the deck just outside our meeting room at Tanglewood Pavilion. The project will start about 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, and resume at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Jonna collected \$299 from members, who included these happy folks: **Bill Daley** – **Dave Deuth** says he's better than ever and happy to be home + Bill's daughter's play performance received newspaper coverage... **Ron Crist** – promoted the Customer Appreciation Sale, April 15-29, at Duck Creek Tire Service, including a car show

and cookout 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 15... **Ami Wells** – invitation to the Bettendorf Library Foundation’s “A Magical Sunday Family Brunch” 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 23, featuring Happy Joe’s breakfast pizza and magical performance; for tickets, at \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, call 563-344-4182 or go to www.bplf.eventbrite.com ... **Brad Morrison** – just back from California, where he visited his daughter Mecca who is on staff at Rev. Rick Warren’s Saddleback Church... **Carl Loweth** – back after 5 weeks, including a trip to Greece, where he toured walking in the steps of St. Paul... **Dr. Tom Olson** – welcome to visiting Rotarian Ken Beck, whose son just sold a screenplay to Paramount Pictures... **Kevin Kraft** – happy to be back after missing three meetings... **Scott Naumann** – didn’t know Dr. Tom could tell a reason for happiness without a pun at the end... **Larry Thein** – son, age 12, hit in the head by a line-drive during a baseball tournament and was taken to hospital; he’s OK, Larry reports – and his team won the tourney for him!

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 piano player **Deana Severs**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance and presided over Moments of

Silence, during which we supported **Dave Deuth** and **Lee Marbach**, as they recover after medical procedures, and we learned of the death of **Jeff Hill**’s brother Rod, and of traffic-accident injuries to **Jarod Powell**’s nephew.

After introductions, Tom and Gail led more singing: “All Hail to Rotary” and “Let there Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

Gary Loss, Davenport Rotary
Ken Beck, Davenport Rotary
Jim Wegener, Davenport Rotary

Guests

Deana Severs, piano player
Daniel Sheridan, Davenport Junior Theatre
Kim Kurtenbach, Speaker
Tasia Bunker, IHMCU (**Kelly Love-Sherrick** guest)
Tim Harrington, State Farm Insurance

In all, 54 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians.

And at the end...



... of the meeting, **Larry Thein** 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, Bennett, Boeye, Campion, Chambers, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Downing, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gallagher, Jr., Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, James, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Ploehn, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Scranton, Seemann, Shea, Stone, Thompson, Tombergs, Werner, Windmiller and Worner



Make-ups...

Ami Wells, Rotary Club of Moline
Board Meeting: Lane, Oswald, Spelhaug,
Schuler, Smith, Kraft, Daley, H. Coin and
Nanda

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

**Upcoming
meetings... and
more**

... Meeting programs
thanks to program
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April 19: Richard
Pokora: Bettendorf
Business Network

April 26: Our own Iowa State Rep. **Gary
Mohr:** Update on the 2017 session of the
Iowa State Legislature

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

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