



**THE
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CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, May 3, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

SAU professor shares leadership insights

Dr. Dan Ebener of the St. Ambrose University faculty has been practicing



leadership and developing leaders in churches, businesses and nonprofits since 1975. He is the scheduled speaker at our May 3 meeting.

He teaches leadership theory, strategic planning, leading change, dialogical leadership, team-building and servant leadership, especially for the Master in Organizational Leadership program. Dan also provides leadership training for churches, nonprofits and businesses and has conducted strategic planning for over 120 organizations.

Dan has traveled to 61 countries and teaches each summer in Croatia and every other summer in Germany. He is the author of two books on servant leadership and co-author of a book on strategic planning.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, April 19, 2017



How Gary Mohr spent early 2017...

Four months after the first gavel fell at the 2017 session of the Iowa Legislature, our own **State Rep. Gary Mohr** returned to the April 26 meeting for a roundup of what went on during his freshman term.

“It was like drinking from a fire hose,” he said, describing the pace and intensity of the work. In a typical day he said he would receive 300 emails, greet several visitors, be button-holed by a number of lobbyists and attend a couple of committee meetings. It all added up to “an honor to serve you,” he concluded.

He listed many of what he considered the major accomplishments of the session:

- Passed a \$7.25 billion budget for fiscal 2018
- Increased kindergarten-grade 12 spending by \$40 million
- Cut about \$250 million from original budget projections to balance spending with lower revenue

- Passed the sale of fireworks in Iowa (later, during Q&A, explaining sales would be clustered before and after July 4 and New Year's)
- Revised the rules governing collective bargaining with public employees
- Made changes in workers compensation
- Expanded gun-ownership
- Made abortion illegal after 20 weeks of pregnancy and removed state funding from Planned Parenthood clinics
- Banned texting while driving
- Changed voter-identification requirements and cut 11 days off the early-voting period
- Expanded the law governing the use of medical marijuana
- Set the minimum wage state-wide at the federal \$7.25 and banned cities or counties from setting their own minimum
- Limited medical malpractice awards
- Gave some flexibility to school district spending
- Passed a first-time home-buyers tax deduction

Gary said he was especially happy about passage of two bills that he introduced:
 → Upgrading Iowa's cell-phone service to state-wide 5G technology. "That makes Iowa one of the top five states with this technology," he commented. The companies that serve the state are investing \$1 billion over five years to achieve this upgrade, he said, "which can give us \$2 billion growth in GDP."

"They say they'll start (the work to convert to 5G) in Bettendorf," he said.

→ Passage of a state tax deduction to help first-time home buyers. They could put away \$2,000 per year (\$4,000 for a couple) for 10 years to amass a down payment on a first home, Gary said.

Looking ahead to the 2018 legislative session, Gary said he anticipates work on tax rate reduction, tax simplification, water-quality and traffic cameras.



Presentation...

→ **Thanks to Johanna: President Jonna Schuler** gave special thanks – in the form of a bouquet of flowers, in recognition of Administrative Assistants Day – to **Secretary Johanna Smith** for all of the work she does on behalf of BRC.

Announcements...

→ **Make your LobsterFest seating arrangements: Penny McGimpsey** (pmcgimpsev@gctimes.com) is making table assignments— contact her ASAP, especially if you've purchased a table and have guests to accommodate. Remember: if you or any of your guests prefer steak instead of lobster, please let her know when making the



reservation. Tickets are \$75/seat or \$520/table of 8.



Here's the latest update to the list of 2017 LobsterFest sponsors: \$57,115 in committed sponsorships (\$30,115 in cash and \$26,500 in in-kind)

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➔**Rain may delay new-member project: Rick Bormann** said this week's

rainy forecast could force a delay of the "Betten-Do" project, renovation of the deck outside our meeting room at Tanglewood Pavilion. "We need 24 dry hours before painting and 24 more afterward to let it dry," he explained. If the project must be postponed, he'll contact you. Questions? Contact Rick at



rick.v.bormann@mchsi.com. The original start time is 3:30 p.m. Friday (April 28) with the second session at 1 p.m. Sunday (April 30).

➔**Remember the dedication of chimes at Faye's Field: President Jonna** urged BRC members to attend the dedication of the Rotary Row chimes and drums at Faye's Field – which were installed thanks to a grant from Bettendorf Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. The

dedication is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Friday, May 5.

➔ **Marshals still needed for John Deere**



Classic: Jeff Hassel is still looking for more volunteers to help direct golf fans at the JDC Hole No. 1 – the Bettendorf Rotary hole! The JDC runs July 10-16. To sign up, go to the JDC Website, <https://www.johndereclassic.com/>. The

password is **BettendorfRotary** for our hole. Any questions, please contact Jeff at hassel14@gmail.com.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Jonna collected **\$323** thanks to the generosity of, especially: **Rich “Ozzy” Oswald** – leaving Iowa American Water Co. to join the City of Davenport’s Neighborhood Services Department – and he’ll still be a proud Bettendorf Rotarian... **Ann Kappeler** – BRC has passed last year’s LobsterFest sponsorship level and is close to the goal of \$30,000 paid sponsors – plus it’s just 45 days to the crustacean-cracking event... **Laurie Hutcheson** – happily welcomes her friend and guest, who’s looking for a job so she can move to the QC and join BRC... **Jim Slavens** – the boat’s in the water and he’s looking to fill his guest “crews” with Bettendorf Rotarians (“Three out of four make it back to shore,” he assured us)... **John Sherrick** – congratulations to all Tax Day survivors... **Rich James** – happily returned for some Iowa summer months + milestone birthday and 32nd anniversary “round up to \$100”... **John Rabine** – his birthday (today!) also “rounds up to \$100” + granddaughter, a

dancer at University of Iowa games, has a paid internship this summer with Kansas City Chiefs dancers... **S.K. Nanda** – during upcoming vacation, plans to make up with Rotaries in U.K. and the Canary Islands... **Dr. Tom Olson** – writing a \$500 check to get LobsterFest sponsorship over the \$30,000 cash mark... **Tim Lane** – noted that he and **Ann Kappeler** will be in Rome about the same time in July, and looking for a make-up club.

The meeting opened...



The bell rang, and **President Jonna Schuler** opened the meeting by leading the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by piano player **Deana Severs**,

led the singing of “God Bless America.” Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance and presided over Moments of Silence, during which we were reminded to pray for **Dave Deuth**’s continued recovery, and we learned of the deaths of **Dr. Julie Meyers**’ niece’s baby and **Johanna Smith**’s aunt.

After introductions, Tom and Deana led the singing of “That Rotary Wheel” and “Singin’ in the Rain.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests

Deana Severs, pianist

Valerie Sawtelle, guest of **Laurie Hutcheson**

In all, 54 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Laurie Hutcheson** 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, Blaske, Boeye, Carroll, Chambers, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Duan, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Howard, Hurd, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Naeve, Nelson, Oswald, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Stone, Thein, Thompson, Werner and Windmiller

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 chair **Scott Naumann, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:**

May 3: Dan Ebener, St. Ambrose

University: leadership program

May 10: Jackie Inman, USO, Rock Island

May 24: Presidential Awards by **President Jonna Schuler**

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

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