



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

Learn about QC Criterium, a Memorial Day tradition

The Quad Cities Criterium, a 52-year Memorial Day weekend tradition run by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club, will run the hills of the Village of East Davenport as it has since 2014 – and club member **John Harrington** will tell us more about it at the May 17 meeting.



This year it will be known as the Kwik Star Criterium because Kwik Trip, Inc. has signed on as title sponsor.

The Quad Cities Criterium was first run as the

Moline Criterium in 1965 and has evolved over time, landing on Memorial Day in 1975.

Since then it has joined with other area races to form the Memorial Day Bike Race Weekend series with races in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, May 10, 2017



How USO serves military in QC

At the May 10 meeting, we learned how the USO of Illinois serves active-duty, Guard and Reserve military members and their families at its five centers in the state – two at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, and one each at Chicago Midway, Great Lakes Naval Base and, the newest, Rock Island Arsenal.

Chris Miller, director of center operations, and **Jackie Inman**, director of the Rock Island USO center, reported that they served more than 300,000 service and family members through a number of programs. But they didn't do it alone – some 660 volunteers contributed more than 50,000 hours to support them.

More than 52,000 military families live in the Rock Island USO's service area – a



150-mile radius from the QC, which includes nearly the eastern half of Iowa. The

Rock Island USO “bridges between the military and civilian communities,” Jackie said, and carries out programs that especially help the spouses and children of military members; those include:
→Discovery Kids, a series of joint-USO-WQPT Quad-Cities Public TV events that take 3-10-year-old military children to such places as the Putnam Museum for an after-hours “scavenger hunt” where they learned about area history, Jackie said.

→USO Camp R&R, a free week-long vacation for military personnel and their family where they relax and rest on a Wisconsin lake; “We got to know each other again” after several year-long deployments, one soldier commented on a video about the program.

→Regular monthly get-togethers for Arsenal personnel and their family members

Jackie is the only employee of the Rock Island USO, which receives no funds from the government or the national USO organization. The center relies on support from QC sponsoring businesses and donors. To learn more about volunteering, donating or sponsorship, go to usooffillinois/getinvolved.

The Arsenal facility operates 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Its phone number is (309) 782-3896.

Announcements...

→Dedication of Rotary Row chimes and drums at Faye's Field: President Jonna Schuler thanked all those who attended last Friday's dedication of the



chimes and drums, which were installed thanks to a grant from Bettendorf Rotary and the Rotary Foundation (see who attended – go to page 5).

Faye Clow, for whom the outdoor space at the Learning Campus is named, was the first female president of Bettendorf Rotary and director of the Bettendorf Public Library for 30 years.



At the May 5 dedication of Rotary Row – which received very good media coverage – President Jonna said, “With Faye's focus on youth, the community and education, we feel this makes a perfect addition to this beautiful green

space, and a great addition to the community.”

➔ **Invitation to sponsor a Rotary Youth Exchange student: Tim Lane**, who attended the District 6000 Conference last week, said the Rotary Club of Bettendorf was invited to sponsor a Rotary Youth Exchange student, since a Pleasant Valley High School is doing a Rotary exchange this year. Two students – from Germany and Chile – are coming to the region, and BRC is urged to sponsor one of them for the 2017-18 school year, Tim said. Two host families will be needed to provide room and board: the student will stay with one family August-December, and the other family January-May. If you’re interested or want more information, contact Tim (tim.lane@edwardjones.com).

➔ **‘Betten-Do’ gets paint on the deck:**



Although rain postponed the first date for the new-member project to refinish the deck outside our meeting room at Tanglewood Pavilion, project chair **Rick Bormann** rescheduled

application of the first coat for last Sunday – and it was cured and ready for the rain on our meeting day. (See page 5 for the names of the rest of the volunteer crew.



➔ **Another service opportunity: Carol Foster** announced another opportunity to provide some “service above self”: In the last

round of BRC charitable grants, we provided funds to Camp Shalom to build a “human foosball” game site. The camp, near Maquoketa, Iowa, has scheduled a work time to do that project, 10-11:30 a.m. next Thursday (May 18). Lunch is included. They can use 2-4 Rotarians.

➔ **LobsterFest updates:**

➔ **New this year: Grub for Goodies:** Our LobsterFest has featured a Wine Pull for years, but we’re adding a new feature this year, **Ann Kappeler** said: It’s “Grab for Goodies – a pull for gift cards. The cards can be of any kind, Ann said – gasoline, hotel stay, condo weekend, spa session, Cubs items, restaurant or bar.... Just make sure they’re worth \$25 or more, she advised.



➔ **Even more wine bottles: Steve Pieart**’s still looking for empties to form the bases for some very creative table lights. Some showed up at this week’s meeting – but bring more next week. Questions? Please contact Steve (smharmony@centurylink.net).

➔ **Sponsors, please inform Penny McGimpsey of your seating plans:** If you’re a sponsor and have invited a crowd to join your table – stop reading this and contact her *right now*

(pmcgimpsev@qctimes.com). If anyone wants steak instead of lobster, please tell Penney as you’re talking with her.



→**Start planning how YOU can help with LobsterFest:** Because so much is new this year, with our move to the grounds at Tanglewood Pavilion, many aspects of set-up will need more member volunteers, **Secretary Johanna Smith** announced. So, plan to give some time to set-up, especially on the Friday before (**June 9**) and Saturday of (**June 10**) the event.



→**Thank these 2017 LobsterFest Sponsors:** As of the end of April, these sponsors – totaling **\$57,615** (\$30,615 in cash, \$26,500 in-kind) – are committed:

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BRC Happy \$\$...

President Jonna collected \$293, with special amounts from: **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – vary happy to live in Bettendorf with its focus on youth and excellence, such as recent salutes to sports and academics... **Brent Werner** – bought the progressive dinner at last year's LobsterFest – and enjoyed fabulous food and friendship at the homes of three Bettendorf Rotarians... **Dave Franks** – happy son Isaac is graduating from Pleasant Valley High and going to Drake University next year + praises for Rotary Youth Exchange (his wife went to Finland with the program)... **Kevin Kraft** – after attending the Faye's Field / Rotary Row dedication, thanks to **President Jonna** for the chimes project, which so beautifully promotes "the Rotary brand"... **Dick Schillig** – 116 days to Labor Day and Run with Carl + welcome, **Duncan Cameron**... **Larry Thein** – son's baseball team won the Gold Bracket in its tournament... **Jim Slavens** – six grandkids have completed another year of college.



The meeting opened...

To open the meeting, **President Jonna Schuler** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied on piano by **Deana Severs**, led the singing of the

day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." President Jonna returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we supported **Dave Death** during his recovery, and our troops everywhere.

After introductions, Tom and Deana returned to shepherd us (we kinda needed it today) through "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry" and "Smile, Sing a Song."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary
Vic Rothbart, Davenport Rotary

Guests

Chris Miller, USO
Jackie Inman, USO
Maggie Blunk, USO
Deana Severs, piano player
Annette Parejko, guest of **Ron Crist**
Phil Dunbridge, Rivermont Collegiate

In all, 61 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 6 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Tim Lane** 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, Chambers, Coin, H., Coin, G., DeDoncker, Doland, Downing, Eikenberry, Elledge, Featherstone, Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hassel, Howard, Hurd, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Naab, Naeve, Nanda, Nelson, O'Brien, Oswald, Pacha, Ploehn, Powell, Powers, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Shea, Sorenson, Stone, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells, Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

Deck Painting: Tracy Naab, Duane Thompson, Todd Seemann and Rick Bormann

Rotary Row Dedication: Kevin Kraft, Tom Howard, Carl Loweth, Julie Meyer, Christy Gause, Kristine Stone, Decker Ploehn, Bob Gallagher Jr., Kenny Vandersnick, Steve Pieart, Fred Anderson, Dick Schillig, Scott Naumann, Jonna Schuler and Mike Mickle

LobsterFest meeting: Gwen Tombergs, Ann Kappeler, Jonna Schuler, Johanna Smith, Kristine Stone and Tim Lane

Board meeting: Kevin Kraft, Bill Daley, Tim Lane, Laurie Dobesh, Carol Foster, Jim Spelhaug, Jonna Schuler and Johanna Smith



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 17: John Harrington, Kwik Star Criterium on Memorial Day in The Village of East Davenport

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



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

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