



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 24, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

**Happy 60th birthday to
Rotary Club of Bettendorf**

The Rotary Club of Bettendorf is *six decades old!* And **President Jonna Schuler** has planned a celebration of that milestone occasion for our next meeting.



In addition, at the May 24 meeting we'll meet some recipients of 2017 Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships: Lillian Jones and Elizabeth Zupancic of Pleasant Valley High School. Allysa Gallagher and Jackson Callahan of Bettendorf High School, and Andrew Laufenberg of Rivermont Collegiate will be our special guests at the May 31 meeting.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017



**criterium: 19 bike
races in E. Village**

The Quad Cities Criterium – or Kwik Start Criterium this year, thanks to the event's new named sponsor, Kwik Trip Inc. – works "to be better each year than the last," said **John Harrington** of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club at the May 17 meeting. "We want it to be more of an event, not just a series of races."

So this year's Memorial Day event, the Criterium's fourth in the Village of East Davenport, features an expanded number of children's races, including one for special-needs kids, a helmet competition,



the second year of the Healthy Habits 'Fat-erium' for bikes with 5-inch or wider tires – and much more, John said.

In all, the 52-year-old tradition will see about 350 racers compete in 19 events around the mile-long course beginning at 9 a.m. May 29 with children's events. "The most action gets going about 3 p.m.," John said. That's when the professional cyclists race – in separate multi-lap races for men and women.

The course starts at the old firehouse and runs up and down hills, around sharp city-street corners and returns to the starting point. Even with all vehicles removed and barriers lining the entire course, it's still a narrow, curvy course – where the pros often hit 40 m.p.h. on straight stretches and bunch-up in tight clusters of bikes.

The QC Bicycle Club – with 1,200 members it's one of the top 10 in the U.S. – provides many of the volunteers who make the Criterium work. But many other volunteers aren't members – or event cyclists, John said. "They just like the event and all its excitement."

The Quad Cities Criterium was first run as the Moline Criterium in 1965 and has been staged on Memorial Day since 1975. It is part of a 5-week series of races, called the Midwest Fly-Over series, in which racers amass points toward the cash prizes that are awarded at the end of the series, John said.

While the QC Criterium operates on a "break-even" basis, it still has pledged to make a contribution to the QC Honor Flight, John said.

Announcements...

→**2017 Rotary Scholarships: President Jonna Schuler** revealed the names of the \$1,000 2017 Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships:

→Pleasant Valley High School:

Lillian Jones
Elizabeth Zupancic
→Bettendorf High School
Allysa Gallagher
Jackson Callahan
→Rivermont Collegiate
Andrew Laufenberg

→**Golfers, watch the pros while you help control the crowd:**

We still need more volunteers for each day of the John Deere Classic – July 10-16 – to marshal the Bettendorf Rotary hole (We're No. 1!). To sign up, go to the JDC Website,



<https://www.johndeereclassic.com/> and use our password, **BettendorfRotary**. If you have any questions, please contact our JDC expert, **Jeff Hassel** (hassel14@gmail.com).

→**LobsterFest updates:**

Things are coming together for our June 10 premier fundraising event. But there's still a lot to get done:

→**Sign up to volunteer: Club Secretary**

Johanna Smith placed sign-up sheets on the side table, where members queued up to volunteer to work before or during the LobsterFest. "It's all new this year," she reminded everyone, "because we've moved it here to Tanglewood Pavilion. We don't need bar volunteers or people to bring coolers – but we *do* need volunteers for many other things.

→**Sponsors:** Please bring your company banner to the next meeting – especially if you have a pop-up type, as there are limited spaces for hanging banners. Those will be displayed on the space



available on a first-come, first-hung basis, Johanna said.

→ **Advertisers:** Time is running short to get the production materials for your program ad to **Kurt Lokenvitz** (KurtL@Hertz.ag) Please contact him *now*.



→ **Still more wine bottles:** Steve Piart continues to look for empties to form the bases for table lights. He lugged some to his car, but said he still has some empty cartons. If you have any questions or empty bottles, please contact Steve (smharmony@centurylink.net).

→ **Sponsors, don't be shy! Tell Penny McGimpsey now who's sitting at your table.** Penny needs to know because, if everybody who's spoken for a seat shows up – only 3 of the 42 available tables of 8 are left!! So, please contact her *right now* (pmcgimpsey@qctimes.com).

→ **Gwen Tombergs needs more silent auction gifts:** She especially wants \$25 (or more \$\$) gift cards – gasoline, bar, restaurant... – to be added to gift baskets.

She's also looking for a one-night stay for 4 at a Chicago hotel or condo (part of a Cubs-game package), any Cubs fan items, and a \$50, or more, John Taylor Spa gift card. You can contact her at gtombergs@quadcitieschamber.com

→ **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 \$169 with special amounts coming from: **Dick**



Schillig, who announced the 2017 recipients of the Carl D. Schillig Memorial Scholarships, Kaitlyn Evans of Pleasant Valley High School and Allysa Gallagher of Bettendorf HS.

Theirs are the 35th and 36th \$4,000 scholarships given, using funds raised by the annual Run with Carl on Labor Day – 110 days to go, Dick reminded us... **Jim Slavens** again invited members to take advantage of his generous offer of a Mississippi River trip on his boat – “We had three trips last week,” he said, and “we can go any day, since I’m retired – you choose”... **Kristine Stone** – daughter Eleanor celebrates her 9th birthday – and her soccer team won... **Steve Piart** thanked wine-bottle donors,

and asked for more, if you’ve got ’em... **Tim Lane** – all three daughters have returned home from college... **Jenny Garlach** – will miss LobsterFest this year – it seems she’d rather be at her daughter’s wedding that day... **Sharon Sarver** – has a May birthday, so she’s “rounding the check up... to \$25” + she’s giving a rather bigger check to the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation, encouraging all members to donate to the Foundation to reach BRC’s goal of \$10,000 in this second year of a 5-year campaign to build those funds.

The meeting opened...

The bell soounded and **President Jonna Schuler** (stage-whispering, “Gee, I like to do that!”) called the meeting to order, then led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Deana Severs**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America.” President Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we supported our troops everywhere.

After introductions, Tom and Deana led the singing of two verses of “Vive le Rotary” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian

Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary **Guests**

Deana Severs, pianist
 John Harrington, Kwik Star Criterium (speaker)
 Cora Meyers, guest of **Dr. Julie Meyers**

In all, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Sharon Sarver** 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, Carroll, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Featherstone, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gallagher, Jr., Gause, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Howard, A., Hurd, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Morrison, Nanda, Nelson, Oswald, Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Sorenson, Thein, Thompson, Wells, Werner, 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

Upcoming meetings... and more

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



May 24: Bettendorf 60th Anniversary and club celebration + PVHS Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship winners as special guests

May 31: BHS Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship winners as special guests; **Tim Lane** presiding

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

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