



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

Meet Miss Iowa 2016 and the 2017 contestants

Breaking with tradition, the Rotary Club of Bettendorf has invited this year's Miss

Iowa contestants to our "home" for lunch on the eve of the competition that will crown Miss Iowa 2017.

At last year's luncheon, we met a roomful of hopefuls including, **Kelly Renee Koch**, who became Miss Iowa 2016. She was a junior at Iowa State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in child, adult, and family services.

This year, our opportunity to meet the

about-to-be Miss Iowa 2017 and her competitors will be next week's meeting, June 21. During lunch, we'll meet them all and enjoy samples of the talents they will perform during the pageant.



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Learning more about wines...

Chris Griffin of Dimitri Wine & Spirits, Davenport – a consistent supporter of our LobsterFest – enriched our knowledge of wine during the June 14 meeting. He began by informing us that Americans are the No. 1 consumers of wine in the world.

Wine has been part of the human diet for at least 6,000 years, Chris said, based on discoveries in the area now known as Palestine in the eastern Mediterranean. The ancient Egyptians refined it and included it in tombs, presumably to be available to pharaohs in their after-life. Greeks during the Classic period enjoyed wine and extended its consumption around the Mediterranean basin and

beyond. Spanish and Portuguese explorers extended it to the Western Hemisphere and around the globe.

Through all that time, Chris said, wine itself has remained essentially the same, chemically: “Yeast converts the sugar in grape juice into alcohol.”



During a wide-ranging presentation followed by more questions from members than most speakers receive, we learned, among many other things:

→ Wine bottle styles denote the type of grape from which the wine was made, he said: High-shoulder bottles contain red wines from Bordeaux grapes, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot or Malbec. Slope-shoulder bottles denote Burgundy-region red wines, including Pinot Noir and Beaujolais. Very tall bottle necks contain white wines, such as Riesling, Chardonnay and Chablis.



→ Temperature is an important factor in storing wine, he said. White wines should be kept cool, around 45 degrees, while reds should be at “room temperature,” 65 degrees or so. Keep Champagne ice-cold,

he advised. Most important, he added, is that the temperature “needs to be constant,” say a 55-60-degree basement.

→ Tracing the trip from grape to glass – grape – bunch – vine – acre – vineyard – etc. – Chris said it takes, on average, 630 grapes to produce one glass.

→ While every state has a wine-growing industry, California’s Napa and Sonoma counties with their ideal soils and climates are the best known and most productive. He said “Marquette” is the best Iowa grape.

→ Decanting red wines to aerate them accentuates the flavor, he advised.

→ All grape juice is clear, but the grape skin is the source of the wine’s color.

→ Sadly, we can’t save money by buying directly from Dimitri, because, as a distributor, it sells only to businesses with a liquor license.

To learn more about wines, Chris recommended a book, *The Winemaker*, by California wine industry veteran, and native Iowan, Richard G. Peterson (richardgpeterson.com/).

Induction of new member...

→ **Phil Dunbridge** was inducted into membership by **S.K. Nanda**. Phil is the assistant head of Rivermont Collegiate. He and his wife Cassandra, both native Californians, are parents to sons Jude (11), Ethan (9) and Grayson (7). Phil said they’re “happy to be here in the QC” – which prompted **Kevin Kraft** to



add Phil’s so happy he hung *all* of the netting around the edge of the LobsterFest tent – which made everyone there happy.

Before presiding over the induction, S.K. reported that the world has gone three weeks without the announcement of a new case of polio... *anywhere*.

LobsterFest follow-up...



➔ **Gross income blew the doors off the previous record: President Jonna Schuler** called six volunteers to the front of the room, and gave a number to five of them and a dollar sign to the sixth.



Before that, Jonna reported that the 2015 LobsterFest gross income was \$60,900, and that last year's pre-expenses take had been

\$67,884. So, how, she asked, do you think these six members should be lined up? No one disagreed that dollar-sign **Bill Daley** should be first.

But it took a couple more minutes to learn that the proper order for the rest was: **Kevin Kraft, Keith Worner, Sharon Sarver, Joe Pacha and Ron Crist** – which equaled... (drum roll, please)... **\$85,731!**



We still have to subtract expenses, Jonna said, but the final *net* income has a chance to exceed last year's *gross*.

➔ **Thanks to all:** President Jonna gave personal thanks to all who attended and worked at Saturday's LobsterFest XI: "You know that this is a huge production, and we had so much change this year, from a new venue to a new chef. I want to sincerely thank the sponsors, volunteers and everyone that was able to attend and brought friends and neighbors..."

"I cannot think of a better way to showcase our club to the community."

She gave special praise to **Ann Kappeler, Johanna Smith, Gwen Tombergs, Penny McGimpsey and Tim Lane** for their leadership from planning through the end of the event.

Jonna promised more LobsterFest information and the recognition of "Lobstars" at the June 28 meeting – when she also will pass the presidential gavel to Tim Lane.



BRC Happy \$\$...

President Jonna Schuler collected **\$278** with special amounts from these members with something happy to share: **Harry Coin** – as today is Flag Day, if you'd like to ensure you have a crisp, new flag for each patriotic holiday – Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, as well as Flag Day – contact the Bettendorf Optimists Club, which places them and picks them up afterward as a fundraiser for its charity donations... **Dr. Tom Olson** – he had so much fun at LobsterFest that he wore his special lobster shirt, “to prove I’m not crabby or shellfish,” he punnily explained... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – happy when he opened today’s newspaper and saw grand-daughter Ally’s photo among first-team track stars... **Dick Schillig** – plus she got a Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarship... *and* there are 79 days left to register for Run with Carl... **Bill Daley** – honored to be co-presenting sponsor of LobsterFest, for the second year... **John DeDoncker** – joined Bill in thanks for being co-sponsor the event, plus praise to **Ron Crist** who deserved his title as “Rookie of the Year” for, among other acts, donating *three* Ron’s Toy Box Party Bus events (not just the one offered for the auction)... **Tim Downing** – proud to see Rotary among the top reasons cited for the near-demise of polio in a recent *Wall Street Journal* article... **Ann Kappeler** – its 360 days to LobsterFest 2018... **Kevin Kraft** – thanks to all for such a successful LobsterFest + it’s not too early to think up great packages for next year’s silent auction”... **Ken Vandersnick** – looking forward to being with family in Wisconsin, and to the U.S. Open... **Steve Piart** – son caught Steve and Marilyn’s “travel bug” – he’s spending a month in Europe... **Rich James** – after 32 years as a Bettendorf Rotarian, this is his last



meeting (until the Jameses visit the QC) – he and Dee are moving permanently to Summit County, Colo., where they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August; he “rounded up” that number to \$100... **S.K. Nanda** thanked Rich for starting the BRC scholarship fund years ago with a \$25,000 donation – which prompted a standing ovation by the membership.

The meeting opened...

President Jonna Schuler called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “God Bless America.” Jonna returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered **Dave Deeth** in his recovery from illness, our troops and those injured in today’s D.C. shootings.

After introductions of visitors by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Gail led more singing: “R-O-T-A-R-Y,” “You’re a Grand Old Flag” (since it’s Flag Day) and “For *They Are Jolly Good Fellows*” to thank all whose work contributed to the success of LobsterFest.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Chris Griffin, Dimitri Wine & Spirits, speaker
Sue Knoblauch, guest of **Frank Schwab**
Megan Early, Iowa American Water Co.
Cara Joiner, Senior Star, guest of **Annette Martinez**

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

And at the end...



... of the meeting, **Tim Downing** 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...

Boeye, Bormann, Carroll, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Elledge, Falk, Franks, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Howard, A., Hurd, Hutchison, Kraus, Lane, Larsen, Lawrence, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Oswald, Paplinski, Ploehn, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells and Werner

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:

June 21: We welcome the 2017 Miss Iowa contestants as our guests – here at Tanglewood

June 28: The gavel passes from **President Jonna Schuler** to 2017-18 **President Tim Lane** and we’ll also learn the identities of this year’s LobsterFest “Lobstars”

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