



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
July 19, 2017, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, July 26, 2017,  
At Tanglewood Pavilion

## **Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to QC next week**

WQPT, PBS for the Quad Cities, has arranged for The Wall That Heals, a half-

size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to be on display at the Western Illinois University campus in Moline; our speaker at the July 26 meeting

will be **Mary Pruess**, the station's general manager. The wall replica and the mobile education center that travels with it will be open 24 hours a day July 26-30. On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Since its dedication, it has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the nation. The exhibit provides veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.



## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, July 19, 2017



## **Inside Scott Cty. Sheriff's Dept.**

Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane opened his remarks at the July 19 meeting by saying, "Thanks for electing me sheriff (last November)," and explaining how he has structured the department's 200-member staff since taking office early this year.

That staff is divided about evenly between the jail in Davenport and operations throughout the county. A corps of 77 volunteers augments the paid jail staff, he said. The operations division includes patrol deputies, investigators, process servers and 19 bailiffs, who provide security throughout the Scott County Courthouse.

Scott County Jail has 363 beds for inmates, but it reaches “overflow” level at 310, he explained, because of the need to keep certain kinds of inmates, such as juveniles, separate from other inmates.

The sheriff’s department operates on a \$14.5 million budget.

With that background, the sheriff commented on a number of Iowa laws that took effect July 1, and some other current issues:

→**Expanded gun rights:** While the Iowa Legislature gave non-felons the right to carry a firearm into many public places, including the county courthouse, Scott has limited that right (and the Iowa Supreme Court agrees) to administrative areas – keeping them out of courtrooms.

→**Fireworks:** The Iowa Legislature said the public can buy a broad range of



fireworks for private use – and the five weeks of explosions that ensued saw a big increase in complaints,

fires, accidents and the loss of a teen’s hand in Scott County, he said. In the wake of that experience, the county and municipalities in it are enacting ordinances to limit the legal use of fireworks, and “I favor one plan for all of Scott County,” Tim said.

→**Immigration:** With the Trump administration’s restrictive policies affecting immigrants carrying the threat of loss of federal funds to the county, the Scott sheriff’s department cooperates with the feds if a prisoner is in violation of immigration law, he said – and the feds pay us for such prisoners in our jail, he added.

→**Sex offender registry:** Scott County has the second-highest number of sex offenders in Iowa (after Polk County / Des Moines) at about 400. More than 90% of them are “in compliance,” he reported. Many who are not have only committed “technical violations,” and in most of those cases his department works to bring the offenders back into compliance rather than prosecute them.

→**Strategic Behavioral Health:** Without taking a firm position on the Tennessee-based company’s desire to bring a 72-bed treatment facility to the QC, Tim noted that the Iowa board on mental health facilities has scheduled to consider the issue, and that Genesis Health System has not always provided needed services.

→**Jail problems:** While praising his jail staff, Tim noted that understaffing is an ongoing challenge.

→**Juvenile crime:** Saying the county has a “huge” problem with crimes committed by 14-18-year-olds, including murders, he called for updating the “old juvenile justice philosophy” of returning offenders to their home – where parents may not be present – instead of detention.

## Announcements...

→**Rotary for Kids BBQ to Benefit**

**Miracle Field:** The Rotary for Kids BBQ

– Iowa QC Rotary Club’s fundraiser to help fund the building of Miracle Field, a baseball diamond designed to be accessible for kids with physical or other challenges –



is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Kelly’s Irish Pub & Eatery, 2222 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Davenport.

Bettendorf Rotary has signed on to help support this project, which will build at least two Miracle Fields in the QC, **President Tim** said. The first one will be placed in Davenport, **Decker Ploehn** added, with a second one in the Illinois QC. The project to build these facilities began as a joint project between the Iowa QC Rotary and Davenport Parks & Recreation Department – but has grown to include Bettendorf Rotary and city government, with more Rotary clubs to follow, he added.

Regular ball fields aren't suited to all the needs of these players, but the Miracle Field will be a safe, accessible playing space for them.

General admission tickets are \$30 (\$35 at the door), and Family tickets are \$60 (\$65 at the door). To buy tickets, or to get more information on the event, contact Sigrid Zaehring (309.764.830 / [szaehring@califf.com](mailto:szaehring@califf.com)).



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
100 YEARS

➔**BRC Summer Pops Social: Harry Coin** (a QCSO Board member) announced that Bettendorf Rotary has reserved 150 spots for members and guests to attend the QC Symphony's Summer Pops concert, featuring music of The Beatles. The reduced-price tickets will be available only through BRC. More information and opportunity to sign up for the Saturday, Aug. 19, event will be available soon.

➔**Best wishes, Ozzie:** Sadly, **Richard**



**“Ozzie” Oswald** has resigned from the club, because of the duties of his new position with Iowa American Water. His departure leaves a vacancy on the BRC Board, so **President Tim**

invited interested members to submit the names of nominees (including themselves) to him or another Board member.

### **BRC Happy \$\$...**

**President Tim Lane** collected \$229 with special amounts coming from: **Todd Larsen** – happily back after about 4 months' absence + Miracle Field is much needed + youth baseball, with which he is involved, will take place at the new Bett Plex next year... **Duane Thompson** – a bit shocked at the number he just wrote on the check for his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday...

**Jerry Felsing** – sorry to have been gone recently, but going again on vacation...

**Kevin Kraft** – accepted **Jim Slavens'** offer of a boat ride on the Mississippi, enjoyed it thoroughly and advised, “Take Jim up on his offer!”... **Decker Ploehn** –

worked last week at the John Deere Classic: “It was an awesome event,” he exuded in his usual, quiet way. “What a great event – with a record crowd on Sunday! Thanks to all who worked at it”... **President Tim** –

More thanks to all who volunteered to marshal at the JDC – and he asked all who did to stand... to applause... **Tom Howard** – kudos to the Pleasant Valley HS girls softball team for their winning ways at State... **Dick Schillig** –

just 48 days to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Run with Carl on Labor Day (which raise



funds for the Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarships) – it’s easy to register at [www.runwithcarl.com](http://www.runwithcarl.com)... **Johanna Smith** – 8-year-old son’s Little League team won a tourney... **Jonna Schuler** – happy **President Tim** is here to preside this week + happy to be sitting at the farthest table from up-front... **President Tim** – gone next week to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**The meeting opened...**



**President Tim Lane** welcomed everyone and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist

**Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Tim returned and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and **Dave Deuth** as he recovers from illness.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Gail led more singing: “Vive le Rotary” (two verses) and “I’m Looking over a Four-Leaf Clover.”

**Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...**

**Guests**

Gail Baldwin, pianist  
 Tim Lane, Scott County Sheriff (speaker)  
 Megan Early, Iowa American Water

In all, 51 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests.



**And at the end...**

... of the meeting, **Tom Howard** won the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in the drawing from among all those members who shared their happiness in this week’s *BRC* **Happy \$\$.**

**Missing today...**

Ashby, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Campion, Chambers, DeDoncker, Dugan, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gause, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraus, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naab, Nelson, Olson, Paplinski, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Seemann, Slavens, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Thein, Werner and Worner

**Make-ups...**

Dick Schillig, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary  
**Board meeting:** Lane, Daley, Foster, Schuler and 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**,  
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**July 26:** Mary Pruess,  
WQPT: The Wall That  
Heals, a half-size  
replica of the Vietnam  
Veterans Memorial;  
Past President Scott  
Naumann will preside

**Saturday, Aug. 19:** Rotary Night at the  
Riverfront Pops concert by Quad City  
Symphony; Tribute to the Beatles: 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 6:** District Gov. Mike Ruby and wife  
Jo Anne visit

**Sept. 13:** No regular meeting: Golf  
Outing/steak fry at Palmer Hills Golf Club

**Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Holiday – no meeting

**June 9, 2018:** Tentative LobsterFest date

### BRC News staff...

**Editor, reporter, photographer:** Fred  
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