



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 26, 2017, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

A glimpse into the future of Bettendorf...

Scott Naumann has lined up an overview of Bettendorf’s new comprehensive plan – to be presented at the Aug. 2 meeting by the two city officials at the center of the action:



Bill Connors, community development director, and **Jeff Reiter**, economic development director. Scott said: “They will present some examples of how Bettendorf will use this plan to shape the future. Our city will look very different in 10 years with the new BettPlex, new I-74 Bridge, re-imagined downtown and other developments on the way.”



Last meeting:

Wednesday, July 26, 2017



WQPT brings Viet Memorial to QC

Fresh from helping unload the semi-truck containing The Wall That Heals on July 26, **Mary Preuss**, general manager of WQPT, PBS for the Quad Cities, told us all about the traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the events surrounding it this week.

The Wall That Heals is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., which will be on display 24 hours a day through Sunday, July 30, at the Moline campus of Western Illinois University, 3300 River Drive.

Sponsoring the wall in the QC fits well into WQPT’s three-year programming campaign, “Embracing Our Military,” Mary said. It’s also a fitting prelude to the broadcast in September of Ken Burns’ new, 18-hour series on the Vietnam War, she added.

Beginning with a motorcade Wednesday morning from LeClaire to the WIU campus marking the arrival of the wall replica, WQPT has scheduled added events for each day it is in the QC:

- Thursday morning's opening ceremony which included the reading of a proclamation from each city's mayor
- The screening Thursday evening on the WIU campus of "On Two Fronts," a documentary on Latinos in Vietnam
- Military kids day Friday morning at the Figge Art Museum, Davenport, which Mary described as "drawing with perspective" for children



→ Saturday's Veterans Historical Project organized by the Library of Congress and recorded by WQPT. "You don't have to be a combat veteran to tell your story" of service during the Vietnam War," Mary commented.

→ The exhibit ends with a closing ceremony at 4 p.m. Sunday, with Dr. Art Tate, superintendent of Davenport schools, and a Vietnam veteran, as keynote speaker.

WQPT will broadcast highlights of the full 5-day exhibition in the QC in future programming, Mary said.

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

Announcements...



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
100 YEARS

→ **BRC Summer Pops Social: Harry Coin** updated plans for Bettendorf Rotary's plan to attend the QC Symphony's Summer Pops concert featuring music of The Beatles. If we commit to purchase 150 tickets, Harry said the orchestra would erect a reserved-space tent for us in an easily accessible spot. The ticket price would drop to \$16, he added. Sign-up sheets were at each table. Doors open at 3 p.m. for the Saturday, Aug. 19, event; the pre-show begins at 6:30 with the concert at 7.

BRC Happy \$\$...

Past President Scott Naumann collected \$179 from these happy Rotarians and others present: **Kevin Kraft** – his new grandson, born a bit prematurely, has left the hospital... **Phil Dunbridge** – back from student-recruitment in China + open house this weekend for the carriage house, now remodeled as dorms for residential students... **Jonna Schuler** – daughter Brooke is a newly certified yoga instructor + Jonna will travel to Seattle to pick up daughter Paige from her Boeing

internship and do a road trip home...

Decker Ploehn – First Tee program plans to upgrade golf facilities in Rock Island, adding to existing sites in Moline and Davenport, to reach more kids...

Mark Ross – changes with his employer mean he'll still be traveling "a lot" + daughter Lauren will be attending the same college as Allysa Gallagher... **Ken Vandersnick** – happy for the girls softball successes of Pleasant Valley and Assumption high schools...

Jim Spelhaug – "I'll throw in half on the PV kudos"... **Dr. Tom Olson** – brought home a Lake Geneva Rotary banner, "if you'd like to stop by and see it"... **Steve Pieart** – son returned from 11-day tour of Europe, including Russia.

The meeting opened...



Past President Scott Naumann, filling in for vacationing **Tim Lane**, momentarily channeled a familiar "Sgt. D.I." to get a rousing response to his "Good afternoon, Rotarians." After advising, "Keep your hands and feet inside

the ride at all times," he led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of "God Bless America." Scott led Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops, some QC families struggling with difficult issues, and our fellow Rotarian, **Dave Death**.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Gail returned and led the singing of "R-O-T-A-R-Y" (two verses) and, because the day was pleasant, "Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Tom Kook, Upper Iowa University (guest of **John Rabine**)

Steve Mokusak, HyVee

Max Roach, Rivermont Collegiate (guest of **Phil Dunbridge**)

Mary Preuss - WQPT (Speaker)

In all, 45 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Decker Ploehn** 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...

Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Carroll, Chambers, Crist, Daley, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dugan, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Featherstone, Felsing, Foster, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Kappeler, Kraus, Lane, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schmit, Scranton, Shea, Sorenson, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

Tom Olson, Lake Geneva, Wis., Rotary

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**,
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Aug. 2: Bill Connors,
Jeff Reiter: Overview
of Bettendorf’s new
comprehensive plan

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

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