



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

Quad Cities Marathon is coming right up

The 20th annual Quad Cities Marathon steps off Sept. 24, and **Joe Moreno**, its director, is the scheduled speaker at the Aug. 23 meeting.



The 26.2-mile run starts and ends in downtown Moline. The course offers features that virtually no other race course could offer:

→ A consistent connection to spectacular

views of the Mississippi River

→ It includes 5 races, culminating in the full marathon – which is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon

→ It passes through 4 cities, crosses 3 bridges, and runs in 2 cities and 1 island.

Cash awards go to:

→ The top five male and female finishers

→ The top three male and female finishers in the Masters Division

→ The first local male and local female finisher (from Scott, Muscatine, Rock Island, Henry or Mercer counties)

→ The top 3 finishers in a dozen age divisions

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017



Paddlers going for float records

Floatzilla – with events Friday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 19 – promises “the largest gathering of canoes and kayaks on the Mississippi River” and an attempt to set a record for “largest simultaneous kayak launch.”

Those Saturday afternoon events are the center of Floatzilla, said **Kathy Wine**, director of River Action. But the event promises much more, she said at the Aug. 16 meeting – all of which has the underlying aim of raising awareness about our river and the opportunities for recreation in it.

“There’s a lot you can learn from the seat of a canoe or kayak,” she said. Among those things (although not all pertain to boat seats):

→If you find canoeing on the powerful Mississippi River too much of a challenge, “there are five sloughs that are safe for canoeing within the QC.”

→Floatzilla will use five launch points, from Empire Park at Campbell’s Island to Credit Island, from which canoeists can paddle to Lake Potter at Sunset Park, Rock Island

→This year’s Floatzilla draws canoeists from 17 states – beyond the Midwest, they include Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia and Texas, she said.

→On Saturday, the Mississippi will be closed to regular traffic, including barges, from morning to about 4 p.m.

→Besides the world’s record attempts, the event will include live music, local food trucks, kayak races, camping and more, Kathy said.

The current world record for largest raft of canoes is 3,150, and the record for



simultaneous (within 90 seconds) launch of kayaks is 396.

Realistically, she said, Floatzilla will draw about 2,000 canoe paddlers – but kayak sales at QC outfitters are brisk, she said with a kind of wistful look in her eyes.

Announcements...

→**Some singing changes:** With school reopening in two weeks, pianist **Gail Baldwin** will leave us in need of an accompanist – although **Scott Naumann**’s ever-talented laptop will still be on call.

Also, **President Tim Lane** announced we will be retiring the veteran 3-ring binder songbooks – to be replaced by words projected onto the screen up front for all to read. Song leader **Tom Howard** and **Dick Hanzelka** have been working to capture the songs’ lyrics digitally.

→**BRC at the QCSO Summer Pops:**

Tickets were on hand to be picked up for the QC

Symphony Orchestra’s Pops Concert on **Saturday, Aug. 19**. The tickets, at a discounted



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\$16, are for the space near the front of the Le Claire Park concert venue reserved for Bettendorf Rotary. It’ll be easy to spot the small tent festooned with blue and yellow balloons. Bring your own chairs, beverages and food – the dining begins at 3 p.m. when the gates open, and **President Tim** said, “You’re not getting anything out of my cooler.”

If you didn’t buy BRC-discounted tickets, but you’d still like to attend, **Harry Coin** said regular-price tickets will be on available.

→**Rotary Youth Exchange student:**

Harry Coin said, “Our club’s exchange student will arrive the evening before the Pops. He will be in attendance along with many of the exchange host families.” Harry said he plans to bring the student we’re sponsoring to next Wednesday’s meeting.

→**Special meetings coming up – mark your calendar:**

→**Club Assembly, Aug. 30**, when “we’ll dig deep into the budget, where your

money goes, the programs we support” and more, said **President Tim**.

→**District Gov. Mike Ruby and wife Jo Anne visit, Sept. 6.** “He’ll announce a pilot program for our district that will go up to Rotary International,” Tim said.



→**Annual Golf Outing, Sept. 13** at Palmer Hills: Golf all day, steak and salmon dinner about 6. Contact **Secretary Johanna** if you’re playing golf – or use one of the handy forms that appeared at each table at today’s meeting. You can use that form to:

- Sign up your foursome for golf (\$60 for each golfer – includes golf, with a cart, plus dinner)
- Sponsor a hole (still only \$100)
- Come to dinner only (BRC members eat free, and guests are just \$10 each)

Questions about the golf outing? Contact **Rick Bormann (563.210.4437 / rick.v.bormann@mchsi.com)** or **President Tim (563.320.9161 / timlane7@gmail.com)**.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected **\$105** with special amounts from **Lee Marbach** – daughter’s 4th birthday approaching... **Jim Slavens** – there’s still opportunity for a river boat ride – just call... **Dr. Tom Olson** – plug for Chicago’s Union

League Club – “if you go into Chicago often, it’s a pretty good deal”... **Jerry Felsing** – grandchild No. 4 is on the way... **Dick Schillig** – 19 days to Run with Carl (and Labor Day)... **Will Doland** – looking forward to upcoming vacation... **Jonna Schuler** – **Laurie Hutcheson**’s magazine featured a photo of her... dog... **Tim Lane** – won’t be here next week – going to Chicago to daughter’s grad-school graduation

The meeting opened...

President Tim Lane 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.” Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered **Dave Deuth**, our troops and Bettendorf families with ill children.



After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of “All Hail to Rotary” and (with rain in the forecast) “Just Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist
David Lasky, guest of **Duane Thompson**
Kathy Wine, RiverAction (speaker)
Tim Harrington, State Farm

In all, 39 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 4 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Jonna Schuler** 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, Campion, Carroll, Chambers, Crist, Daley, DeDoncker, Downing, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Featherstone, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hurd, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Partridge, Ploehn, Powell, Powers, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schmit, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Tombergs, 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:



Saturday, Aug. 19:

Rotary Night at the Riverfront Pops concert by Quad City Symphony; Tribute to the Beatles: 7 p.m.

Aug. 23: Joe Moreno, Quad City Marathon. **Past President Kevin Kraft** will preside as **President Tim** attends his daughter’s graduation from grad school

Aug. 30: Rotary Club of Bettendorf’s Annual Club Assembly

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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