



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 23, 2017, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017,
At Tanglewood Pavilion

Club Assembly – a look at everything BRC does

Once a year we take a good look at everything we do as a Rotary club. It's called a Club Assembly. And this year it's **President Tim Lane's** turn to lead us though:
→The budget – all the sources of expected income; anticipated expenses, including the costs of doing business and planned projects and grants that enable us to serve others; and a target for growth



in membership.

→Our projects – this is where the Rotary rubber hits the road. Every year, we serve the community – Bettendorf and the QC with Charitable Giving Grants, scholarships and dictionaries for 4th graders; and the state, national and international communities with support for Polio Plus, water and literacy projects, and natural-disaster response.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017



20th QC Marathon: bling, new things

The 20th annual Quad Cities Marathon – “5 races, run in 4 cities, crossing 3 bridges, in 2 states and on 1 island – all within view of the Mississippi River” – steps off Sept. 24, and **Joe Moreno**, its director, told us all about it at the Aug. 23 meeting. The 26.2-mile run starts and ends in downtown Moline, where most of the other races and events take place. The 20th running offers many new aspects.

“We’re the only marathon with permission to run on an Interstate

bridge,” he commented. In addition to that challenge, he said coordinating the event takes coordination with 4 city governments and police forces, 2 state departments of transportation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army commands on Arsenal Island, barge operators, 2 railroads and 3 bridge commissions. In contrast, “the Des Moines Marathon means coordination with one city government.”

Joe drew praise from **Decker Ploehn**, as current city administrator and former police chief, for his ability, year after year, to accomplish all of that.

He doesn’t do it all alone, however. He works with a core committee of 80 volunteers (there are that many specific areas to cover) and hundreds of other volunteers on and near race day. Joe also extended special thanks to the scores of corporate and organizational sponsors.

Joe said the 20th anniversary marathon features many special aspects, including:

- Olympic runner Frank Shorter returning as a special guest
- Beautiful medals for all who participate



- Much more “bling,” including gloves, T-shirts, long sleeves/arm warmers...
- Spectators allowed onto Arsenal Island to watch racers

- The return of 20 runners who have been part of all 20 QC Marathons
- An event app, which provides updates on many aspects of the race – weather, parking, and even tracking the progress of individual runners.

Proceeds from the marathon benefit many charities, including UsToo, the QC’s support group for men with prostate cancer and their families, Joe said.

Announcements...

→BRC at the QCSO Summer Pops:

All who attended the Quad City Symphony’s Pops concert Saturday evening agreed it was an enjoyable event – and **Harry Coin** received kudos for putting it together. Harry said our club’s Rotary Exchange student, Alessandro lo Maestro, attended the concert with members of his exchange host families. He will be a special guest at a future weekly meeting, Harry added.

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

Mark your calendar, and come to learn what District 6000 is doing – especially a pilot program that our district is trying out for all of Rotary International.

→Annual Golf Outing: Carol Foster

urged members to sign up for the **Sept. 13** event at Palmer Hills: Golf all day, steak and salmon dinner about 6. Use one of the handy forms that appeared at each table at



today’s meeting, and return it at next week’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 \$\$...

Past President Kevin Kraft collected \$270 – with special amounts from: **Sue Mannix** – happy about two events: Saturday’s Discovery Faire, which was a great success, and Monday’s solar eclipse viewing, which drew about 500 who were also introduced to the Rotary Row chimes in Faye’s Field... **John DeDoncker** – finished the Leadville 100 race for the 5th time... **Tim Downing** – 53rd anniversary... **Traci Naab** – son has started his first year at Iowa State... **Ann Kappeler** – marking Dad’s 95th birthday and visitation for Mom, who passed at age 93 + successfully did the Heimlich Maneuver on a friend who choked as they were at coffee – so rounded to \$200... **Dr. Tom Olson** – marking wife’s birthday... **Jim Spelhaug** – emphasis on “Strive for 5” – to lower school absences to fewer than 5 days a year + kudos to **Mayor Bob Gallagher** for personally coming to meet with new teachers in the district: that commitment “is one reason we have such great schools”... **Dick Schillig** – 13 days to Run with Carl + happy to have the run director for RWC as his guest today... **Decker Ploehn** – the Twin Bridges motel has come down + ground-breaking for what’s new on that property, The Bridge apartments... **Tom Bley** of Maquoketa Rotary – thanks for grant that funded “human foosball” at Camp Shalom... **Jennifer Garlach** – opening another site for Boys and Girls Clubs... visitor Amy Nelson – “it’s great to visit a singing Rotary club”... **Christy Gause** – promoting Trinity Bettendorf’s program to ready kids with challenges for

school... **Kevin Kraft** – all grandkids, all in Arizona, will be “together” by Skype to learn the gender of the next one who will arrive soon.



The meeting opened...

Past President Kevin Kraft called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin** (who will go on hiatus for a while as she returns to her “day job,” accompanying school choirs), led the singing of “This Is My Country.” This was the first meeting without the old 3-ring-binder song books – instead, song words were projected onto the screen in front of the meeting room. Thanks to Tom and **Dick Hanzelka** for all the work to make that conversion.

Kevin returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and Bettendorf families with ill children.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” (2 verses) and “Smile Sing a Song.”

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians

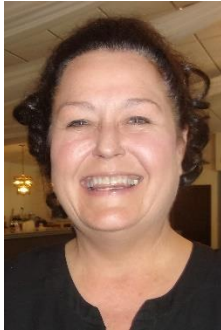
Tom Bley, Maquoketa Rotary
Duncan Cameron, Naples, Fla., Rotary

Guests

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Megan Early, Iowa American Water
Lyn Cochran, EICC (guest of **Tim Lane**)

Amy Nelson, Enchanted Living (guest of **Scott Naumann**)
 Ken Asta, Run with Carl (guest of **Dick Schillig**)
 Bob Lees (guest of **Christy Gause**)
 Joe Moreno, Quad City Marathon (speaker)

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 7 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...
 ... of the meeting, **Traci Naab** 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, Calabrese, Campion, Doland, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Falk, Featherstone, Franks, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hurd, Kraus, Lane, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Partridge, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schmit, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, 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:



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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