



**THE
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CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

**YWCA QC marks 100th;
Jill Biden to speak + more**

The YWCA Quad Cities, Rock Island, has slated its 100-year anniversary celebration for noon Friday, Nov. 3, at the Rhythm City Casino, Davenport.

Former Second Lady **Dr. Jill Biden** will be the keynote speaker. The theme of the celebration is “100 Years, 100 Honored.”

The scheduled speaker for our Oct. 4 meeting is **Julie Larson** of the QC YWCA, who will tell us more about the event.



Dr. Biden, the wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, will talk about her work and advocacy for education.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the QC YWCA will honor 100 individuals and organizations from the Quad-Cities area who have inspired change, worked to improve the lives of others, and advocated for women and girls.

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**Foundation: 1 way
Trinity aids Bett.**

Even though Trinity Bettendorf / UnityPoint Health has been a fixture of the city for several years, our Sept. 27 speakers, **Nathan Sondgeroth** and **Elyce Billany** of UnityPoint Health, Trinity Health Foundation, saw the need to share some information that demonstrates the hospital’s value to the community.

Nathan, vice president of gift planning of the foundation, listed some ways Trinity / Bettendorf “fits into the larger UnityPoint community:”

→The UnityPoint community has nine regions in Iowa, and Trinity with its four campuses – Bettendorf, Rock Island, Moline and Muscatine – is one of the nine.

→Even though it is a not-for-profit hospital group, Trinity has an economic impact on the QC region of just under \$1 billion, through its payroll and taxes paid

- Trinity performed some \$43 million in charity (unpaid) medical services last year
- The Bettendorf campus saw 26,000 emergency department visits last year
- Nearly 1,000 babies were born in the Bettendorf BirthPlace
- More than 3,500 surgeries were performed in Bettendorf Trinity

Elyce, the foundation’s director of development, mentioned several initiatives that affect the QC:

- The Patient and Family Comfort Fund provides facilities and programs to aid the family of patients during their time of treatment
- The Trinity Nursing College educates and graduates new nurses
- Two programs help serve the need for mental and emotional programs for youth: One outpatient program serves some of the behavioral health needs for patients ages 9-13. An adolescent substance-abuse program yearly serves some 4,000 patients ages 4-17.

Announcements...



→**Dictionary distribution:** With some members already signed up to distribute dictionaries to the city’s 4th graders, **Jim Spelhaug** signed more volunteers at the meeting. If you didn’t have a chance to sign up, you can email Jim to do so (spelhaugjim@pleasval.k12.ia.us).

Here are the remaining unfilled opportunities to personally put a dictionary in the hands of a class of 4th graders (school, teacher, date and time):

Pleasant Valley schools:

- Bridgeview – Hamman, Monday, Oct. 16, 9:45 a.m.
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- Hopewell – Linnenbrink, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 8:45 a.m.
- Hopewell – McGivern, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.
- Riverdale Heights – Woods, Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

Bettendorf schools:

- Jefferson – Kaplan, Monday, Oct. 16, 10:40 a.m.
- Mark Twain – Benfield, Thursday, Oct. 19, 9:15 a.m.

Rivermont Collegiate:

- Rakoci, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 12:45 p.m.

→**BRC Charitable Grants: Jeff Hassel**

of the Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Giving Board said the **deadline** for receiving applications for this year’s grants is **Sunday, Oct. 1**. He urged members to notify not-for-profit organizations to visit the Website – <http://www.bettendorfr Rotary.com/rotarygrants> – and fill out the online form now.



→**Library & Rotary Foundations team up:** **Jeff Hassel** announced that the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation has joined forces with the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation to raise funds for both organizations with a murder! It will be an evening of comedic homicide called

“Rock into Murder,” 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at our home, Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. **Scott Naumann** and his merry cutthroats will try to solve a rock-‘n’-roll murder as the Tanglewood crew serves dinner. Attendance is limited to 200 witnesses. Order tickets – at \$75 / \$520 for a table of 8 – from **Ann Kappeler** (Annkappeler1950@gmail.com).

➔ **World Bicycle Relief: President Tim** said any member who wants to contribute personally to the project to buy bicycles for people in rural Zambia (BRC will contribute \$2,000 to the project as a club) should make checks payable to “World Bicycle Relief” and give them to him or **Secretary Johanna Smith** by the Oct. 1 deadline.

➔ **Davenport Rotary Wingfest and Raffle:** Davenport Rotary’s fundraiser to benefit construction of the fully handicapped-accessible Miracle Field is scheduled for 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Prairie Heights Park. Tickets are \$20. Get more information or buy a ticket at: <http://davenportrotary.org/>.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$211 and presided as these members shared some happiness: **Joe Pacha** – his granddaughter’s softball team won a championship in Illinois + he’s celebrating the 42nd anniversary of his 29th birthday... **John DeDoncker** – survived the QC Marathon last Sunday and thanked all the volunteers and participants... **Jim Slavens** – proud of all his grandchildren, noting this week grandson Max, QB of the PVHS football Spartans... **Todd Seemann** – enjoyed seeing **Craig Windmiller** and his grandson fishing together last weekend... **Lee Marbach** – returning to Iowa State campus to watch the Cyclones open Big

12 play against Texas... **Tim “Chopper” Shea** – enjoyed the QC Marathon + celebrating 5th year of Locals Love Us... **Frank Mitvalsky** – happy to see his son a Student of the Week in recent issue of *Bettendorf News* + Northwestern “didn’t lose”... **Kurt Lokenvitz** – son’s happy birthday... **Steve Piart** – visited 90-year-old cousin in Cedar Falls... **Penny McGimpsey** – still recovering from ZZ Top concert and a suite time at Hotel Blackhawk, thanks to LobsterFest... **Brent Werner** in Oklahoma City, present for a priest’s first step toward sainthood... **Ken Vandersnick** – tried to attend Rotary meeting in Colorado Springs, “but it only meets once a month”... **President Tim** – daughter ran in the QC Marathon, and he watched from a spot on the Arsenal.

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 **Tewanta Lopez**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”

Tim returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops, victims of hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and friends of Bettendorf Rotary needing special support.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of “Sing, Everyone, Sing” and “If You’re Happy and You Know It (Clap Your Hands).”

Secretary Johanna Smith, introduced...

Guests

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Elyce Billany, Trinity Foundation, speaker
Nathan Sondgeroth, Trinity Foundation, speaker
Heidi Huskamp Collins, guest of **Johanna Smith**

John Cameron, guest of **Tom Howard**
Austen Taylor, Modern Woodmen Bank, guest of **Lee Marbach**
Jimmy Holt, All Around Town, guest of **Dean Kraus**

In all, 65 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, and were joined by 7 guests.

Missing today...

Boeye, Champion, Carroll, Chambers, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Falk, Featherstone, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Habenicht, Hill, Higgs, Hurd, Larsen, Lawrence, Martinez, Mickle, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski, Ploehn, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Scranton, Sherrick, Thompson. Tombergs, Wells



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Lee Marbach** 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 \$\$*.

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

Make-ups...

Kurt Lokenvitz, Rotary Club of Ames
Dick Schillig, Iowa QC Rotary

Upcoming meetings... and more

Meeting programs thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scott@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:



Oct. 4: Julie Larson: YWCA QC celebrates its 100th anniversary – Dr. Jill Biden keynotes
Nov. 8: Special Veterans Day program
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Holiday – no meeting
June 9, 2018: Tentative LobsterFest date

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