



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017,
At **Tanglewood Hills Pavilion**

**We'll hear from an expert
in slicing bread**

If you've read much of the history of the Quad Cities, you've no doubt learned that the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River was here – and that this is the birthplace of sliced bread. The scheduled speaker at our Oct. 25 meeting – **Allen Wright**, vice president



of sales at Hansaloy Corp., Davenport – may have something to say about that.

Hansaloy is known as the “World’s Leader In Bread Slicing,” according to its Website. Founded in 1933 by John Hansen of Davenport, the

company is the world’s leading manufacturer of blades and related equipment used to slice bread loaves, rolls, buns and other baked products.

In addition to blades, Hansaloy also makes lattice, blade guides and honing equipment for bread slicers, and it manufactures chain for conveyors and coolers.

Last meeting:
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**Here's how BRC
serves education**

In the week when Rotary Club of Bettendorf members began handing out dictionaries to every 4th grade pupil in the city, **Jim Spelhaug**, superintendent of Pleasant Valley Schools, took on the role of master of ceremonies at the Oct. 18 meeting to focus on three aspects of the club’s work in youth and education.



Jim first brought forward **Lyn Cochran**, president of Scott Community College, who introduced us to **Kaitlyn Evans**, this year’s SCC recipient of a Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship – and a 4-year Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarship.

Kaitlyn is a freshman at SCC, but she has already earned about half her credits for an associate degree in accounting by taking advanced courses at Pleasant Valley High School. Next she will enter the accounting program at the University of Northern Iowa ranked as a junior – and

earn both her bachelor's degree and her CPA professional status upon graduation. With four more Evans siblings heading for college, Kaitlyn said she was very thankful for Rotary's scholarships.



Jim then introduced **Alessandro IoMaestro**, the Rotary Youth Exchange student at PVHS this year, and **Jamie Christopherson**, his host Mom. "Alex is the first exchange student in a long time that Bettendorf Rotary has sponsored," Jim noted. (Jamie's daughter is an exchange student this year in Toulouse, France.)

Alessandro, who came to the QC about two months ago from his hometown of Bari, Apulia, Italy, said "everything" here is different from Italy; for example, high school is 5 years long, making secondary school taking 13 years. He described exchanges, such as the RYE, as "the best thing we can do" to promote international understanding – at the same time learning a new culture and a new language.

Jamie said Alex is taking a full course load to support his goal of becoming a surgeon. Besides school activities, she

said he has cooked some delicious Italian dishes for his host family. (During Q&A, **Harry Coin** noted that Alex will teach a cooking class in the spring to help raise funds for a group of RYE students to take a bus tour of the U.S. after the school year ends.)

After Alex showed a brief photo "tour" of Bari, Jim turned to **Mike Raso**, superintendent of Bettendorf Schools, who introduced the Bettendorf High School students that BRC sponsored to attend this summer's Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) on the campus of Grinnell College. Joining youths from throughout Rotary District 6000 (south half of Iowa) were senior **Josh Turner**, senior **Eboni Springfield**, junior **Katie Lent** and junior **J.R. Baker**.



BHS guidance counselor **Amy Harken** explained that these students were selected for RYLA because of their leadership potential. Each commented on how the week-long academy impacted them:

→Josh said the "privilege walk" exercise was especially helpful for a leader to understand others in a group. By seeing that each member was experiencing some

difficulties, as well as good things, he said he realized, “Everyone’s struggling with some issues.”

→Although she felt shy at the beginning, Eboni said, “After one day we (the 12 students in her group) were already each other’s best friends. We still call and talk every night.”

→Echoing that experience, Katie added, “There’s so much from RYLA that I can apply now,” for example, as chairperson of the BHS Homecoming Parade. “It changed my life.”

→Saying he went into RYLA feeling he was already a leader in some school activities, J.R. said, “I came to realize all of us were leaders. I learned to be patient because each person learns differently.”

Concluding the program, Jim said to the club as a group, “Thank you for your investment in education.”

Announcements...

→**New member project:** Signup sheets adorned each table, where any member (new or veteran) could leave name, email and phone number to participate in this year’s new member project – the planting of trees at Bettendorf’s, Edgewood and Veterans Memorial parks. The shovels will begin digging at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Parking lot entrance for Edgewood Park is in the 1400 block of 23rd Street, and for Veterans Memorial Park the lot is adjacent to the band shell with entrances at both 23rd and 25th streets. If you haven’t signed up, contact **Larry O’Brien** at ldla4@mchsi.com

→**Library Foundations fundraiser:** The joint Bettendorf Public Library Foundation / Bettendorf Rotary Foundation fundraiser “Rock Into Murder” is a week and a day away. **Ann Kappeler** said there’s still room



available as she unveiled a promotional poster that members can display in their place of business. The murderous mayhem (plus dinner) will occur 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. To order tickets – at \$75 / \$520 for a table of 8 – contact **Ann Kappeler** at Annkappeler1950@gmail.com.

→**North Scott Rotary project dedication: President Tim Lane** announced that North Scott Rotary has completed construction of an inclusiveness playground, especially for kids with disabilities – and its dedication and grand opening will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. The Inspiration Play Zone is located at Sheridan Meadows on the north side of Eldridge, and members of all QC Rotary clubs are invited.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$197 as he presided over these announcements of

good news: **Lee Marbach** – 33rd birthday, and daughter’s 6th birthday... **Lyn Cochran** – 7th month anniversary... **Megan Early** – inducted just two weeks ago, \$20 worth of happy to be a Bettendorf Rotarian... **Dick Paplinski** – one year free of prostate cancer... **Tim Lane** – gave his wife a new “puggle” puppy, “and last Saturday and Sunday were the longest two weeks of my life.”

The meeting opened...



At the sound of the bell **President Tim Lane** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied

by **Scott Naumann**’s musical laptop, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Afterward, Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops; victims of the Northern California wildfires; those in Ireland affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ophelia; and friends of Bettendorf Rotary needing special support.

After introductions by **Secretary Johanna Smith**, Tom returned to lead the singing of “The 4-Way Test” and Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Secretary Johanna Smith, introduced...

Guests

Susan Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**
 J.R. Baker, RYLA student from Bettendorf High School
 Josh Turner, BHS RYLA student
 Kathryn Lent, BHS RYLA student
 Eboni Springfield, BHS RYLA student
 Amy Harksen, BHS counselor
 Jamie Christopherson, Rotary Youth Exchange host mom

Alessandro loMaestro, Rotary Youth Exchange student
 Kaitlyn Evans, Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship recipient from Scott Community College

In all, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians and 9 guests attended.

Missing today...

Arumugam, Ashby, Chambers, Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Felsing, Franks, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Kellenberger, Kook, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Nelson, O’Brien, Pacha, Pieart, Ploehn, Powell, Powers, Rabine, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Slavens, Sorenson, Thein, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller, Worner

Make-ups...

Daul Saul and **Ami Wells**, Davenport 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**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

Oct. 25: Allen Wright, vice president of sales at Hansaloy Corp., Davenport

Nov. 8: Special Veterans Day program

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Holiday – no meeting

June 9, 2018: Tentative LobsterFest date



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