



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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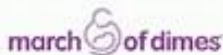
Next meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

March of Dimes ends polio, fights birth defects

With World Polio Day just last week (see below), it's fitting that **Deena Bradford**, director of the QC chapter of March of Dimes, will be the speaker at our Nov. 1 meeting.

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the March of Dimes in the U.S. He had been stricken with polio at age 39.



Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine in the 1950s, and Albert Sabin refined it in the late '50s so it could be

administered orally. In the 1960s Bettendorf residents went to the high school to receive a sugar cube with the polio vaccine in it.

Today, children get a series of four vaccinations before they go to school. After eradicating polio in the United States, the March of Dimes moved on to fund research on birth defects, premature births and infant mortality.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017



Slicing bread world-wide

First **Alan Wrige**, vice president of sales at Hansaloy Corp., Davenport, set the record straight about one piece of Quad-City lore – this is *not* the birthplace of sliced bread; a man in Chillicothe, Mo., actually invented the bread-slicing machine.

But Alan, guest speaker at our Oct. 25 meeting, unwrapped another truth: Hansaloy is the reason many of those machines – around the world – can deliver their slices so well.

Hansaloy – a portmanteau of “Hanson” (for Swedish immigrant John Hanson, who founded the company in 1933) and “alloy” (for the carbon steel alloy the company developed and uses for its slicing blades) – is “the biggest player

in this small industry” manufacturing bakery machine products, Alan said.

“We’re the people who make the blades – and other parts – for bread-slicing machines,” he said. From its Davenport plant, which employs 55 people (45 of whom work in two production shifts a day), Hansaloy sells razor-sharp blades, lattice (the part that determines the thickness of slices) and other products to commercial bakeries world-wide.

To take its products to market – half of Hansaloy’s production is exported – the company partners with bakery products distributors around the globe. The bakery industry has undergone extensive consolidation in recent decades, Alan explained. For example, Grupo Bimbo, with headquarters in Mexico, dominates commercial baking throughout Latin America, he said.



Bread-making has evolved over the years, with many products besides the traditional “white bread” now available in many countries, Alan said. Demand for Hansaloy’s products will remain, he said, pointing out that the blades in U.S. bakeries need to be changed on average every 7-10 days.

You can read more about Hansaloy at <http://www.hansaloy.com/>.



New member induction...

➔ **Grishma Arumugam** was inducted by **S.K. Nanda**. After living 14 years in Texas, Grishma moved to the QC about a year ago to become trust officer at the American Bank & Trust on East 53rd St., Davenport. She is the mother of two daughters, aged 11 years and 7 months.

Before the induction, S.K. reported that yesterday, Oct. 24, was World Polio Day, which has special meaning for Rotarians worldwide – as we celebrate that only 10 cases of polio were reported, anywhere, this year.

Announcements...

➔ **Holiday baskets: Secretary/Community Service Chair Johanna Smith** announced that 15 Bettendorf families in need will receive Thanksgiving baskets from Bettendorf Rotary on Saturday, Nov. 18, and she called for volunteers to deliver them. An additional 15 families will receive baskets, with toys added for children, at Christmastime.

➔ **New member project, planting trees: Larry O’Brien** thanked all the members who volunteered to plant trees in



Bettendorf parks this Saturday. He provided these details:

→Planting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Edgewood Park; the parking lot entrance is on

the west side of 23rd Street a short distance south of Lincoln Road.

→Parks Dept. employees will have prepared planting holes for the trees.

→Parks Director Steve Grimes and a member of the Trees Are Us Committee will be there to organize and direct us.

→Rotarians will plant, stake and mulch the trees – we need to bring our own shovel or rake and gloves.

→If it's clear or raining lightly, we'll proceed.

→If it's raining heavily, planting will be postponed one week – and Larry will email all members who volunteered.

→After all Edgewood trees are planted, the action will move to the part of the Veterans Memorial Park on the west side of 23rd Street (where the baseball diamonds are); the entrance to that parking lot is immediately south of the Duck Creek bridge.

Most importantly, Larry said, water and donuts will be provided. Questions?

Contact Larry: ldla4@mchsi.com

→Bettendorf Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund: Kevin Kraft

updated the status of the campaign to build the fund to ensure the club can meet its charitable goals if regular fundraising should ever fall short. The campaign began two years ago when the fund balance stood at about \$100,000, and the

plan was to raise it by \$10,000 per year for 5 years. Now, however, the balance is “just under \$145,000,” he announced. “We’d love to exceed the goal” of a balance of \$150,000, he said as he thanked members for their anniversary, birthday and other gift checks.

Donors can qualify for an Iowa Tax Credit with a check for \$100 or more payable to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend (which administers the fund for us) with a notation that it's for the Endowment Fund of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf. Direct questions to Kevin (kkbluenote1@gmail.com) or your accountant.

Library Foundations fundraiser: Ann Kappeler

thanked the members among the 110 or so who signed up to attend the joint Bettendorf Public Library Foundation / Bettendorf Rotary Foundation fundraiser “Rock Into Murder” 6-10 this Thursday evening at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. If you're not signed up, and your plans change so you can attend, Ann said, “We can squeeze you in.” Contact her at:

Annkappeler1950@gmail.com.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$194 with special amounts from: **Frank Mitvasky** – \$20 and special thanks to **Mayor Bob Gallagher** for hosting the Webelos from Pack 54 at City Hall and having them sit in on a City Council meeting... **Kevin Kraft** – one more Endowment Fund

detail: the club will match the first \$2,500 donated this year... **Jim Slavens** – rightfully proud of three quarterback grandsons – at



Luther and Grendview Colleges and Sam at Pleasant Valley High School, named *QC Times* athlete of the week... **Tom Kook** – all three daughters received special recognition for choral achievements... **Dave Franks** – enjoyed meeting Rotarians while visiting Hilton Head, S.C.... **Steve Pieart** – just back from a two-week river cruise in Europe... **John Sherrick** – his wife is from South Carolina... **Jonna Schuler** – ISU Cyclones named to Associated Press Top 25

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, **President Tim Lane** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by music from **Scott Naumann**'s laptop, led the singing of "God Bless America." Then Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and **Dave Deuth** as he continues his recovery.

President Tim waived the singing of additional songs.

Secretary Johanna Smith, introduced...

Guest

Alan Wrige, Hansaloy Corp. (speaker)

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians and 1 guest attended.

Missing today...

Bennett, Boeye, Cochran, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Falk, Felsing, Gallagher Sr., Garlach, Gause, Habenicht, Hanzelka, Hill, Hutcheson, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mielnik, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Pacha, Partridge, Ploehn, Powers, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Scranton, Sorenson, Spykstra, Thompson,

Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

More BRC news...



➔**Dictionaries:** Over the last two weeks, Bettendorf Rotarians have fanned out to the city's elementary schools. They've presented more than 900 dictionaries to each 4th grader in the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley public school systems and every private school. **Ann Kappeler** shared a group portrait with her entire Paul Norton School class, and **Dawn Saul** was caught in action handing out dictionaries at Mark Twain School.





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:

Nov. 1: Deena Bradford, director, QC chapter, March of Dimes

Nov. 8: Iowa Air National Guard unit members, Mt. Joy Airport: Special Veterans Day program

Nov. 15: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate

Dec. 6: DNA ancestry – Associate Prof. Bryant McAllister, Ph.D., Department of Biology, St. Ambrose University

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Holiday – no meeting

Dec. 20: Christmas music by chorus members from Bettendorf High School

June 9, 2018: LobsterFest XII



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