



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Nov. 1, 2017, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017,  
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

## **Veterans Day special: aviators from QC unit**

Members of Company B 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment of the Iowa Air National Guard, stationed at the Mt. Joy Airport, Davenport, will lead a special Veterans Day program at our Nov. 8 meeting. They will be led by **Steve Clydesdale**, the acting facility commander, who will describe the unit’s support of U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Based on their work in Iraq in 2011 and Afghanistan in 2016, the unit was twice honored as the Army National Guard Aviation Unit of the Year by the Army Aviation Association of America.

The 2016 award cited the unit for cargo, passenger and assault operations “...in low illumination, deteriorated weather conditions, mountainous terrain



environments and in all modes of flight; day, night, and night vision goggles...”

Flying **CH-47** (“Chinook”) helicopters,

the unit has provided humanitarian aid in many parts of the world.

## *Last meeting:*

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## **March aids birth defects research**

At the Nov. 1 meeting, **Pete and Megan Stopulos** with the Quad-City March of Dimes (Pete is chairman of its Board) reported on how the group helps fight against premature births and the birth defects that may result from them.

Some 9.3% of births in Iowa occur prematurely, they revealed. It’s something they know from personal experience. One son was born after 24 weeks in utero. And Megan went into labor at 27 weeks into her next pregnancy, although doctors at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics were able to stop it for 10 more weeks. Both babies show no long-term health issues, the Stopuloses said.

Those experiences are “why we’re involved in the March of Dimes,” they added. Doctors still don’t know why premature labor occurs, they said, so the

March of Dimes raises money to fund research into its causes. Research so far has found “six genetic markers that are precursors of premature birth,” Pete said.

Money donated to the March of Dimes funds research to refine the knowledge about those genetic factors. Funds also support educational outreach to mothers-to-be, funding prenatal care, bringing together support groups of parents of premature babies – and even providing baby showers for pregnant wives of soldiers deployed from units stationed at the Rock Island Arsenal, they said.

Two annual fund-raising events – March for Babies in April and the Signature Chefs Auction in October – bring in the most donations while focusing attention on the issue of premature births.

To learn more about the March of Dimes, call 563-265-8386, or go to <https://www.marchofdimes.org>.

### Announcements...

#### ➔Members with a November



**birthday:** As she did during her presidency, **Past-president Jonna Schuler** urged members with November birthdays to invite a prospective member to be a guest at a meeting during their birthday month.

➔**Thanks for dictionaries:** **Steve Sorensen** read a portion of a thank-you note from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, who wrote, “... we use them almost every day for spelling,

writing instruction, and to look up character trait words in reading...” We also heard a thank-you from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Riverdale Heights Elementary, who reported the students “use them on a regular basis for our spelling/word work portion of their day. They will be using the thesaurus a little later in the year when we work more specifically on using exciting words in our writing.”



#### ➔**New member project, planting trees:**

**Jonna** thanked all the new members (and some who have been members for a while) who planted 28 trees in Edgewood Park and another 8 along 23<sup>rd</sup> Street across from Veterans Memorial Park last Saturday – all in about an hour and a half. **Larry O’Brien** led recruitment of the new members and coordinated the project with the Bettendorf Parks Department. Besides Larry, members (and family members) who planted trees were: **Tom Kook** and daughter Elena, **Lyn Cochran**, **Tricia Gross** plus daughter Nya and husband Kevin, **Fred Anderson**, **Mike Raso**, **Tim Lane** and daughter Katie, **Jennifer Bennett**, **Drew Lawrence**, **Jaron Powell** and **Dick Paplinski**.

➔**Thanksgiving baskets:** **Secretary Johanna Smith** passed out signup sheets for volunteers to deliver food baskets to

15 Bettendorf families on Saturday, Nov. 18. “It should take only about an hour” to pick up a basket at Hy-Vee and deliver it to the family, she said. At press time, four more volunteers were still needed.

### **BRC Happy \$\$...**

**Past-president Jonna Schuler** collected \$329 with some extra amounts coming from these happy Rotarians: **Steve Sorensen** – his daughter is engaged... **Laurie Hutcheson** – missed a couple meetings – “I was in Cabo”... **Fred Anderson** – added thanks to the tree-planters (his dogs have already inspected some of them) + a birthday... **Sue Mannix** – thanks to all Rotarians who attended the “murderous” fundraiser



[note: **Scott “Bogey” Naumann** in sleuthing character] last week for the Bettendorf Library and Bettendorf Rotary Foundations... **Ann Kappeler** – added her thanks for supporting those foundations... **Dave Franks** – going to Arizona “for a seminar”... **Dick Schillig** – “forgot” his birthday in October + 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary + 306 days to Run with Carl 2018... **Bill Tubbs** – Iowa State is tied for first in the Big 12... **Dave Falk** – he’s

become a grandpa, again... **Jim Spelhaug** – with Veterans Day coming, special kudos to Jake Wood, Pleasant Valley High School grad and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a founder of Team Rubicon, an organization of veterans who use their talents and expertise to help each other and others in times of crisis... **John Rabine** – been gone some time, including a vacation in Europe, during which he met, and was inspired by, a 23-year Rotarian with perfect attendance... **Decker Ploehn** – absent because he attended a meeting of city managers, at which he received awards for city-management excellence, which will be presented to the City Council... **Lyn Cochran** – thanks to North Scott Rotary for a warm welcome as she presented a recent meeting + Scott Community College Halloween party attended by more than 300 + invitation to open-mic nights, featuring her husband, Friday evenings at Grove Tap, Long Grove, and Sunday evenings at Rustic Ridge Golf Course, Eldridge.

### **The meeting opened...**

**Past-president Jonna Schuler** rang the bell, 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 “This Is My Country.” Jonna led the Pledge of Allegiance (although the flag was missing) and Moments of Silence,



during which we remembered our troops; victims of the terrorist truck attack in New York City; recent deaths of relatives of **Todd Seemann** and **Todd Ashby**; **Dick Hanzelka**, who underwent throat surgery, and **Dave Deuth** as he continues his recovery.

After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned, and we sang “All Hail to Rotary,” “Shine on, Harvest Moon” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” In November, they are: 04, Fred Anderson; 05, Jennifer Naeve; 11, Jim Partridge; 13, John Sherrick; 16, Kelly Love-Sherrick, Scott Naumann; 21, Rob Spykstra, Brent Werner.

**Secretary Johanna Smith, introduced...**

**Visiting Rotarian**

Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

**Guests**

- Tewanta Lopez, pianist
- Megan Stopulos, March of Dimes, speaker
- Pete Stopulos, March of Dimes, speaker
- Ryan Seba, guest of **Tod Seemann**
- Justin Zebolsky, Abbey Carpet Gallery, guest of **Bill Daley**
- Alessandro loMaestro, Rotary Youth Exchange student
- Ken Cunningham, State Farm Insurance, guest of **Larry Thein**

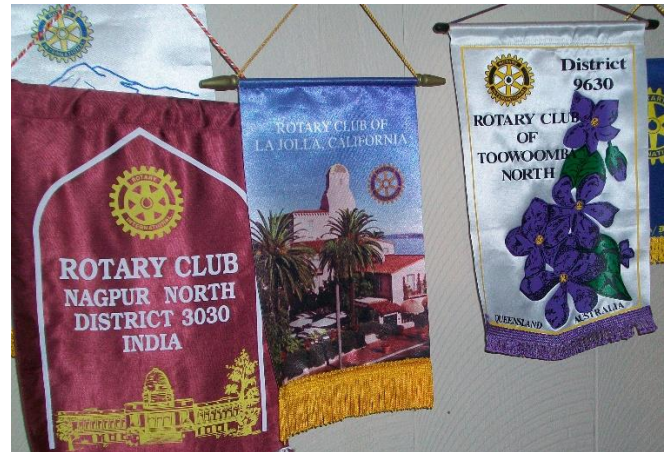
In all, 51 Bettendorf Rotarians, 7 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian attended.



**Missing today...**

- Arumugam, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Coin G, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Gallagher Jr.,

- Gallagher Sr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Kraus, Lane, Larsen, Lawrence, McGimpsey, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Thompson, 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scottn@midlandcom.com),  
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**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

**Nov. 29:** Deb Anselm, publisher, *Quad-City  
Times*

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

**June 9, 2018:** LobsterFest XII



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