



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club**  
Nov. 8, 2017, issue

## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017,  
**At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion**

## **Iowa's secretary of state to speak at next meeting**

**Paul D. Pate**, the current Iowa secretary of state, is the scheduled speaker for the Nov. 15 meeting.

Elected in 2015, he is in his second term. His first term was 1994-2001. He was elected mayor of Cedar Rapids in 2001, and during his tenure he also served as president of the Iowa League of Cities.

Since election to his second term, Pate instituted online voter registration, and the Secretary of State Website reports that "more than 10,000 Iowans registered to vote online within (the first) five months..." He also pushed for the state legislature to pass more stringent voter identification requirements even though a study by his



predecessor found voter fraud to be virtually nonexistent in Iowa. He also worked with the legislature to enact the Safe at Home program, which is aimed at protecting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking by keeping their address confidential.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017



## **Inside look at Co. B and CH-47 Chinook**

As Bettendorf Rotary's special Veterans Day program, three leaders 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, filled the Nov. 8 meeting with all sorts of information on the unit's CH-47 Chinook helicopters and missions they've flown in them.

**Chief Warrant Officer 4 Steve Clydesdale, Captain Forest Lightle and First Sergeant Todd Isely** (from left) have flown the Chinook in two recent deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. Steve and Forest are pilots and Todd is a flight engineer – and all are involved in training newer unit members in their position in the aircraft.

The newest version of the Chinook, CH-47F, is powered by two 5,000-plus-horsepower engines that can propel the craft at speeds up to 170 knots (about 200 mph), making it the fastest aircraft in the U.S. Army. It can carry a payload of

about 10 tons, and operate at altitudes up to 20,000 feet.

The 100-ft. by 60-ft. Chinooks can carry freight, extra fuel tanks for long flights or in-air refueling, and up to 50 passengers (although some will be uncomfortable, they admitted, since the craft can be fitted with 33 airline-type seats). It can carry 28



**After the meeting, Johanna Smith was persuaded to model the gear that air crews of CH-47s wear during flights.**

paratroops for static-line drops, 24 litters for medic-evacuation flights or huge “buckets” of water to fight forest or range fires, they said.

For combat-support missions, the CH-47 can be fitted with guns at the right and left mid-fuselage doors and the rear loading ramp. An infra-red missile-detection system helps protect it in those situations.

“It’s a very reliable aircraft,” Steve said. The basic crew consists of a pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer – augmented by other specialists as each mission requires.

In addition to missions to areas of conflict, Bravo Company has flown humanitarian aid to victims of natural disasters in Paraguay, Honduras, Guyana; and recovery missions to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico after this year’s hurricanes.

While most of the unit’s work is serious, there are lighter moments, such as during its most recent deployment to Iraq. Most of the missions were flown at night, which led someone to adopt the call-sign of “All Night Long.” That led eventually to the playing of that Lionel Ritchie song with radio communications – and finally to the recording star visiting the unit’s headquarters at the Davenport Airport, and a report on “CBS News This Morning.”

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.

### **Announcements...**

➔ **Thanksgiving baskets:** Secretary **Johanna Smith** thanked the members who volunteered to deliver food baskets

to 15 Bettendorf families on Saturday, Nov. 18. She had prepared information for each volunteer detailing the name, address and phone number of their recipient family. Food boxes will be ready for pickup at 10 a.m. that day at the Devils Glen Hy-Vee.

Johanna also began lining up volunteers to deliver Christmas baskets on Saturday, Dec. 16. Again, 15 families will receive the food. In addition, each child in a recipient family will receive a gift, which Rotarians will purchase – the club reimburses those volunteers up to \$50 per child for buying those gifts.

Johanna added, “Make-up credit will be given for your service.”

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



**President Tim Lane** collected \$289 from happy Bettendorf Rotarians, including: **Dick Hanzelka** – back after throat surgery last week... **Steve Pieart** – happy to have his whole golf team (all veterans) as his guests... **Bill Daley** – thanks to all veterans present for their sacrifice and service... **Dick Paplinski** – congratulations to the Iowa Hawkeyes for “totally humiliating” Ohio State last Saturday... **John DeDoncker** – “I was in the stadium to see it!”... **Jim Slavens** – pain-free from spinal stenosis after an injection last week... **Jim Spelhaug** – invitation to special Veterans Day program at 1:30 p.m. this Friday at Riverdale Heights School + daughter Ellie signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Bradley University... **Dave Franks** – thanks to veterans... **Dr. Tom Olson** – thankful his Dad, Ward, came

home from U.S. Naval service in World War II... **Joe Campion** – his son Steve is a veteran... **Kevin Kraft** – thanks to all the veterans... **Jennifer Garlach** – watch **Decker Ploehn** emcee and “bust a move” Nov. 29 at the First Tee fundraiser... **Decker** – his son has signed to pitch at Kansas State University... **President Tim** – thanks to the Company B men for today’s program.

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



After ringing 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 “The National Anthem.” Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned of the death of **Dr. Julie Meyers**’ mother, and we remembered our troops and friends of Bettendorf Rotary in need of special support.

At this meeting with its focus on Veterans Day, each member and guest who had served in the U.S. armed services stood and gave his name, rank, years and locations of service.

After introductions, Tom returned and led the singing of songs from each of the services: Army – “The Caissons Go Rolling Along”, Navy – “Anchors Aweigh”, Marine Corps – “The Marine Hymn” and Air Force – “The U.S. Air Force Song.”



## Guests...

### U.S. armed services veterans – special guests of members:

Tom Ahlstrand

C.W. Riley

Starling Jenkins

Harlen Briggs

Lou Magyar

Hugh Pries

Joe Dobesh

Charlie Schwab

Richard Toundle

Ward Olson

### Guest speakers:

Capt. Forest Lightle

CWO4 Steve Clydesdale

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Todd Isley

Allison Fair, guest of **Penny McGimpsey**

In all, 51 Bettendorf Rotarians and 14 guests attended.

## Missing today...

Arumugam, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Cochran, Coin G., Doland, Downing, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Felsing, Foster, Gallagher Jr., Gause, Habenicht, Hassel, Larsen, Lawrence, Mannix, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Sorenson, 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), 445-4260:

**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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