



**THE
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CLUB NEWS**
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Next meeting:



**No meeting next week,
Nov. 22 – Happy
Thanksgiving!**

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

**We'll meet the publisher
of the *Quad-City Times***

Deb Anselm, publisher of the *Quad-City Times* since October 2015, is scheduled to be our featured speaker at the Nov. 29 meeting. The *Times* is owned by Lee Enterprises, with headquarters in Davenport.

Before coming to the Quad-Cities, Deb had been the general manager of Times Media Co., a Lee property that owns a daily newspaper and associated media in northwest Indiana.

At the time of her appointment, Deb, 54, expressed her pleasure “to be at a newspaper that is the market leader and at an operation similar to the Times Media Co.”

She had more than 15 years of leadership experience at the northwest Indiana enterprise.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017



**Changes coming
for Iowa voters**

Iowa has the 5th highest participation rate among registered voters – 73% voted in the 2016 election – Secretary of State **Paul D. Pate** told us at the Nov. 15 meeting. “Iowans take voting seriously,” he added. About 1.58 million Iowans out of some 2 million registered cast ballots in that presidential / congressional election.

In contrast, however, off-year and local election participation draws only about 10% of eligible voters, he said. So, his office, the arm of state government that oversees elections, is taking several steps

that affect both local and statewide / national elections in Iowa.

To increase participation at the local level, “because it’s the closest to voters and has the most impact on them,” Paul said Iowa soon will hold city and school-board elections at the same time.

For all elections, Iowa is taking a number of steps to build registration. And the state is tightening voter identification requirements.

Paul said Iowans can register by mail, online, at most offices of state agencies, at all county auditors – and special outreach efforts are aimed at military members and voter-age Iowans with disabilities.



Iowa is one of 12 states with same-day registration and voting. Only New York has longer voting hours, he said. “We even have curb-side voting for people

with mobility issues,” he added. About half of Iowans vote absentee by mail.

As for voter-ID, Paul said in 2018 registered voters “will be asked to show” a driver’s license, non-driver’s ID, passport, military ID, veteran ID or voter ID when voting in person. To vote absentee, their ballot-request form will ask for the ID number on their driver’s license or non-driver ID; if they have a voter ID, they’ll need to include its PIN number.

Registered voters without any of the IDs issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation should automatically get a free voter ID in the mail late this year, Paul said.

Beginning in 2019 voters must show a driver’s license, non-driver’s ID, passport, military or veteran ID or voter ID card at the polls.

In addition to elections, he said, the Secretary of State office oversees business activity in the state, and it has launched the Safe-at-Home initiative to help victims of domestic abuse survive that ordeal.

His office’s goal for business services is to proceed “at the speed of business, not the speed of government” – or within 24 hours, he said. There were some 20,000 new-business filings in Iowa, he added.

The Safe-at-Home initiative helps the victims of domestic abuse return to full participation in society by keeping their address and other identifying information confidential, he explained. More information on that program is available at www.SafeAtHome.Iowa.gov. For any Secretary of State services, visit www.sos.Iowa.gov.

Announcements...

→ Joint Bettendorf Public Library / Bettendorf Rotary Foundations event:



Ann Kappeler in a brief report said that the joint fundraising event for the library and Rotary foundations cleared enough funds to repair the library's "Cat in the Hat" sculpture,

underwrite some other projects and add \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. "Everybody had fun," she said, "and we just may do it again."

→ **Community project: President Tim Lane** announced that Bettendorf Rotary has secured a \$6,000 grant to beautify the new plaza in front of City Hall, which was created by rerouting downtown streets to accommodate the new Interstate 74 Bridge. We'll learn more about the project closer to next spring, when the work will be scheduled.



→ **Holiday food baskets: Secretary Johanna Smith** reported that a full complement of Bettendorf Rotarians had volunteered to deliver the Thanksgiving baskets

this Saturday, and the Christmas baskets plus gifts for the children in the recipient families in December.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$162 with special amounts coming from these especially happy members: **Penny McGimpsey** – happy "her" Green Bay Packers defeated the Chicago Bears... **Laurie Hutcheson** – the recent QC

YWCA fundraiser, featuring Dr. Jill Biden, raised a record \$72,000... **Kevin Kraft** – endeared himself to the crowd by saying, "I'll see your Packers over Bears and raise you one Badgers over Hawkeyes"... **Harry Coin** – nearly every seat has been sold for this weekend's Quad-City Symphony concerts... **Scott Naumann** – "the check's on the way" for his 50th birthday... **Dr. Tom Olson** – pun-ished us with one of his annual "turkey notes" (you had to be there)... **Phil Dunbridge** – happily back in the U.S. of A. after 3-week student-recruiting trip abroad (including something in Russia that didn't sound as if it had been completely fun)... **President Tim** – \$50 for his parents' 50th wedding anniversary; his Dad's sage advice: "Don't argue with her – you won't win!"

The meeting opened...



After our guest speaker rang 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 "God Bless merica." Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which remembered our troops.

After introductions, Tom returned and led the singing of "Sing Out a Song of Rot'ry" and "When You're Smiling."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Guests...

Crystal Doland, guest of **Will Doland**
Paul Pate, Iowa secretary of state, speaker

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians and 2 guests attended.

Missing today...

Arumugam, Ashby, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Brown, Calabrese, Cochran, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Downing, Eikenberry, Falk, Foster, Franks, Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Marbach, Martinez, Meyers, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Naeve, Nelson, Powell, Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, Spelhaug, Spykstra, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller, Worner



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Scott Naumann** 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-ups...

Board Meeting: **Bormann, Dobesh, Schuler, Foster, Spelhaug, Daley, Nanda, Lane and Smith**

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. 22: Thanksgiving Holiday – no meeting

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

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

Ambrose University

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

June 9, 2018: LobsterFest XII



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