



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 13, 2017, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

Bettendorf HS singers will wish us Merry Christmas

Our special lunch guests at the Dec. 20 meeting will be choral students from Bettendorf High School. To help us get into the holiday mood, they'll serenade us with a medley of Christmas carols and wintertime favorites.

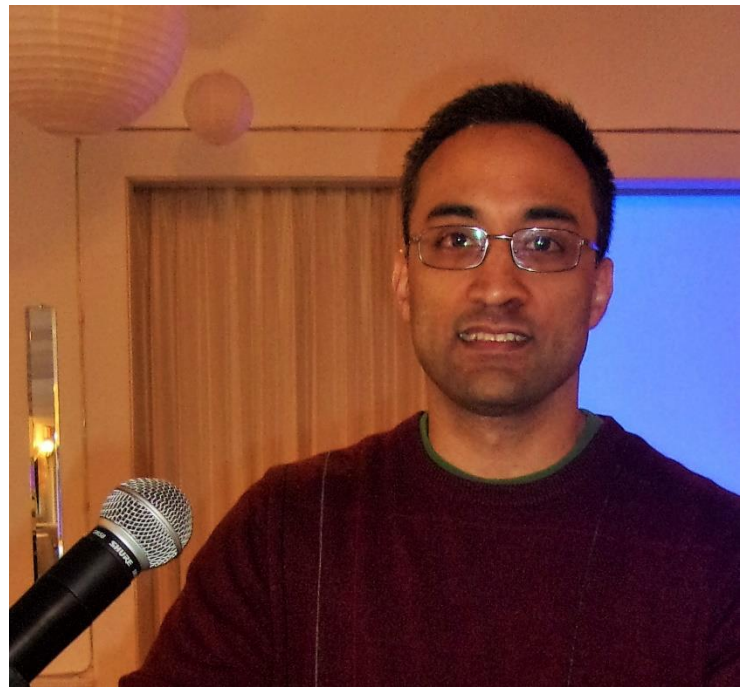
Bettendorf Rotary Club is blessed to have two school systems in the community, and the excellent choral students from the high schools take turns each year to bring us a tuneful holiday concert.



[See page 2 for more information on what's happening on Dec. 27th.]

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017



Help searching for the missing

When someone within about a 300-mile radius of the Quad Cities goes missing, it's often the Quad Cities Missing Persons Network that's called on to help in the search. At the Dec. 13 meeting **John Harker**, the group's co-director, described how the group got started in 2013 – and how it has expanded its services since then.

The Harker family became involved in a missing-persons search in 2013 when John's brother David did not return home as expected one evening, John said. He described how a family's search widened to include volunteers and officials from the wider community – and eventually extended well beyond the QC area.

As John described it, the day after David failed to return home, his wife and father reported his disappearance to Moline Police. A search was organized. Pertinent information was mounted on Facebook. News media reported that David was missing. More than a thousand people joined in the search. Moline Police told the family on the 5th day David was missing that barge workers had discovered his body in the Mississippi River.

Three months later, John said, the family of another missing person contacted the Harkers and asked for help in their search.

Later in 2013 the Harkers created a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization (the QCMPN) and has assisted in about 50 cases per year over since then, he said. The organization has refined its processes and procedures – only becoming involved in a case after coordination with a police department, for example.

More recently, the QCMPN has been called into cases from as far away as Chicagoland, Southern Illinois and Central Iowa.

Since all of the organization's help is free, it has begun to seek some financial help, John said, such as corporate sponsors and private donors.

QCMPN also founded The Treasure Chest Resale Shop, 2754 12th St., Rock Island, where sales of “gently used items” help fund the group's search activities. For more information, call 309.200.2084 during its business hours, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

For more information on QCMPN, go to <http://www.qcmpn.com/> or contact John Harker at jharker.qcmpn@gmail.com.



Presentation...

→ **Rotarian of the Quarter: Rick Bormann** presented last quarter's Rotarian of the Quarter award to **Dr. Julie Meyers** for her work contributing to the success of this year's Gold Outing and for her support of our Rotary Exchange Student.

Announcements...

→ Looking ahead:

→ **Dec. 27:** Instead of a regular meeting, there will be a social time beginning at noon – “with a cash bar, special music played by **Penny McGimpsey**” and some surprises, said **President Tim**.

→ **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018:** At a combined Iowa QC Rotary event at the Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University, the clubs will present a \$60,000 check to Davenport to begin construction of the Miracle Field, where young athletes can play, regardless physical limitations. Iowa QC Rotarians made a two-year, \$100,000 commitment to the project.

→ **Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018:** BRC hosts **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** State of the City presentation at the Waterfront Convention Center.



➔ **Pinewood Derby: Frank Mitvalsky**, brandishing a block of – “not oak or maple or..., but...” – pine wood, announced the Cut Scout Pack 54 (“our Cub pack”) Pinewood Derby will be run the morning of Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at Paul Norton Elementary School. Mit asked for 2-3 volunteers to judge the designs (“need to arrive about 8:45,” he said). And he issued a challenge to BRC to enter our car in the Derby. “I’ll pay all the expenses of a kit and entry,” he said. [For those in back seats who might not have heard, that add up to \$4.] To volunteer to be a judge, contact Mit (fmitvalsky@califf.com).

➔ **Resignation: President Tim Lane** read a letter from **Duane Thompson** in which he resigned his membership, citing increased work responsibilities.

➔ **Holiday food baskets: Secretary Johanna Smith** reminded the volunteers who will deliver Christmas baskets to pick them up at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Bettendorf Hy-Vee. She also said **Dr. Tom Olson** has supplied a

toothbrush – on the registration table near the door – for each recipient child.

➔ **BBBS Putt-A-Round: Guest Beth Clark** urged BRC – the defending team of last year’s Rotary Challenge – to again enter this fun fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley. The event runs Jan. 31-Feb. 2 in the Great River Hall of the RiverCenter in Davenport – and she said the Rotary Challenge starts at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2.

President Tim urged BRC members who want to defend our title to contact him (tim.lane@edwardjones.com).

➔ **Alzheimer’s Association: Guest Megan Pedersen** thanked the club for the opportunity to say a few words about her organization, which provides resources, including support groups, services and volunteers opportunities, to aid families with a member who has Alzheimer’s.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected **\$157** with special amounts coming from: **John DeDoncker** – his son just graduated from engineering at Iowa State... **Laurie Hutchison** – thanks to **Dr. Tom Olson** for providing toothbrushes for all the Christmas baskets given out by her son’s school... **Jim Spelhaug** – thankful for all the things BRC members do to help the schools in Bettendorf excel + his daughter broke the school scoring record... **Jim Slavens** – he’s thankful, proud and grateful for his wonderful family... **Phil Dunbridge** – his 6th grade son helped his basketball team win its conference title... **Dr. Tom Olson** – it was hard to hear, but it was a pun about “brushing up”... **Steve Habenicht** – emptied his \$\$ clip for “all my good times in Rotary,” as he leaves the helm of the QC Home Instead franchise... **Dr. Julie Meyers** reiterated the invitation to the Bettendorf Connect Event at Livewell Chiropractic.

The meeting opened...



After another mini-concert of Christmas music by pianist **Tewanta Lopez**, the bell sounded and **President Tim Lane** called the meeting to order. He led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and

turned to song leader **Tom Howard** who, with accompaniment from Tewanta, led the singing of “God Bless America.”

Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we wished **Dave Deuth** continued recovery, and remembered Quad-City neighbors enduring difficulties, our troops and victims of wildfires in California.

After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of seasonal songs, “Winter Wonderland” and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Missing today...

Arumugam, Ashby, Bennerr, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Cochran, Coin G., Crist, Dobesh, Doland, Eikenberry, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Gallagher Jr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Kappeler, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Nelson, O’Brien, Partridge, Powell, Powers, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Schuler, Scranton, Sherrick, Thein, Thompson, Tombergs, Wells, Werner and Worner

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian...

Aaron Christopher, Davenport Rotary

Guests...

Tewanta Lopez, pianist

Megan Pedersen, Alzheimer’s Association

Beth Clark, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Ada Christopher, Home Instead Senior Care

John Harker, Quad City Missing Persons

Network, speaker

In all, 46 Bettendorf Rotarians, 5 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Steve Habenicht** 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 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,
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Dec. 20: Christmas music by chorus
members from
Bettendorf High
School

Dec. 27: Holiday
social time with
fellow Bettendorf
Rotarians

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University: Miracle Field donation

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State of the City report – Waterfront
Convention Center

June 9, 2018: LobsterFest XII



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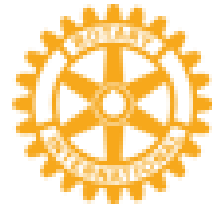
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