



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 20, 2017, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

A time of fellowship between the holidays...

In place of a regular meeting, members of



the club who are not otherwise involved in holiday celebrations may drop by around noon on Dec. 27 to enjoy a light lunch of pizza and salad, perhaps something from the cash bar and special

holiday music played by **Penny McGimpsey**.

President Tim Lane promised some additional features, but revealed nothing more.

The club’s traditional after-holidays party will occur sometime later in the winter, Tim assured us.

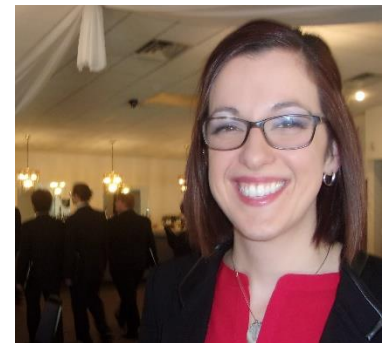
Last meeting:
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A concert of Christmas carols

After lunch had been served at the Dec. 20 meeting, choral students from Bettendorf High School under the direction of **Andrea Cooper** and serenaded us with a medley of Christmas Carols, *a Capella*.

The mini-concert consisted of: “Joy to the World,” “O Come All Ye Faithful,” “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Carol of the Bells,” “Away in a Manger,” “Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly” and “Silent Night.”



The singers interrupted their performance briefly to introduce themselves – all are seniors or juniors, with the exception of a lone sophomore. And their singing elevated our collective Christmas spirit.

Known as “the Audition Group,” this ensemble is in addition to the core BHS chorus, Andrea explained. “They practice early in the morning, before regular classes begin.”



Presentation...

➔ **Thanks to Julie and Donna:** The proprietors and core staff of Tanglewood Hills Pavilion, Julie and Donna, received some extra last-minute Christmas-shopping thank-you gifts from **President Tim Lane**. We appreciate the excellent way they take care of Bettendorf Rotary at its weekly meetings and at our special events throughout the year.

Announcements...

➔ **New Website site:** You probably didn't notice it, because it happened so smoothly, but Bettendorf Rotary has a new cyberspace home. Terrostar had graciously hosted our site at no charge for the past 10 years, but needed the space. So **Harry Coin** put in a lot of overtime, provided a new host and took the lead in all of the technical steps necessary to retain everything from the original site and make the new one work even better. **Secretary Johanna Smith** and



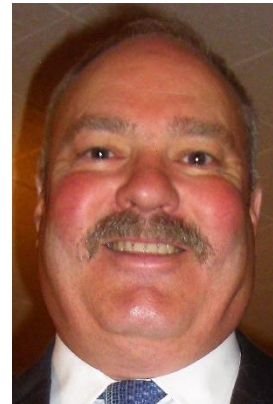
President Tim monitored the progress and provided some support.

When it was all finished Harry announced, “The Internet web domain names www.bettendorffrotary.com and bettendorffrotary.com have been transferred to a Godaddy account managed by Johanna...”

And Tim said, “Special thanks to Harry for delivering a favorable outcome and to Terrostar for being a gracious and generous provider...”

➔ **Holiday food baskets: President Tim** asked all members who had delivered Christmas or Thanksgiving food baskets to stand and receive applause of thanks.

➔ **Decket Ploehn “doing well”:** **Mayor Bob Gallagher** announced that Decker is “at home and resting comfortably” after the procedure on his aorta. He joked that last night’s City Council meeting was the shortest in years.



➔ **Looking ahead:**
➔ **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.
➔ **Jan. 31, 2018:** Bettendorf Rotary will celebrate service to the QC community by awarding grants to 15 not-for-profit organizations. Grant funds come from

our annual LobsterFest – we thank all of the supporters of that event, especially its presenting sponsors Triumph Community Bank and Abbey Carpet Gallery, and all of the other sponsors.

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

BRC Happy \$\$...

After the choir had returned to classes, **President Tim Lane** collected **\$368** from members who shared news of their happiness: **President Tim** – his daughter has “passed her boards” and is now “off the family payroll”... **Joe Pacha** – 45th wedding anniversary... **Dick Schillig** – spent an early Christmas with family in Ohio – including his 97-year-old Mom, who promised Cubs fans the Cleveland Indians would get their turn... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – 23rd wedding anniversary... **Larry Thein** – birthday (didn't exactly say which one...)... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – birthday, too (with a check “rounded up to \$100, but that difference is getting pretty small...”)... **Todd Ashby** – hockey-playing daughter's team won a tournament, and she was invited to join an all-Eastern Iowa team... **Tom Mielnik** – 66th birthday... **President Tim** again – Happy Bowl Day to both Hawkeye and Cyclone fans... **John DeDoncker** – hinted he'd have an announcement soon (could it be something about that story in the *Times* the other day?)

The meeting opened...



Pianist **Gail Baldwin** greeted the assembling Rotarians and guests with Christmas carols. The bell sounded and **President Tim Lane** called the

meeting to order. He led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, with accompaniment from Gail, led the singing of “The National Anthem.”

Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered Quad-City neighbors enduring difficulties and our troops.

With the large attendance to hear this special concert of Christmas carols, each Rotarian introduced his or her guest.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian...

Guests...

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Angie Felsing, guest of **Jerry Felsing**
Marilyn Pieart, guest of **Steve Pieart**
Kay Downing, guest of **Tim Downing**
Hanna Chin, guest of **Mike Raso**
Jim Kappeler, guest of **Ann Kap.peler**
Joanne Naumann, guest of **Scot Naumann**
Alexa Vanderhorn, guest of **John Rabine**

In all, 51 Bettendorf Rotarians and 29 guests attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Bob Gallagher Sr.** 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 \$\$*.

Missing today...

Arumugam, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Brown, Cochran, Daley, Dobesh, Doland, Eikenberry, Early, Foster, Franks, Gause, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Kook, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, O'Brien, Partridge, Ploehn, Powell,

Powers, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Seemann, Sherrick, Slavens, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

Dick Schillig, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary



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:

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June 9, 2018: LobsterFest XII



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