



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 24, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

We support community with charitable grants

Last June the Bettendorf Rotary Club pitched a tent in the Tanglewood Hills Pavilion's yard and boiled up a Lobster-Fest for some 300 of our closest friends.

That effort plus the generosity of presenting sponsors Triumph Community Bank and Abbey Carpets and many other sponsors, provided the funds for next week's grants to QC non-profit agencies by BRC's Charitable Giving Board.

Lunch service begins at 11:30 to make time for all the presentations, which will begin promptly at noon.



Bill Daley, I., and John DeDoncker, r., presented checks to 12 agencies in 2017

Last meeting:

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Steamwheelers' arena FB returns

After a nine-year absence, arena football is returning to the Quad Cities. **Doug Bland**, owner and general manager, and **Jim Albracht**, the media director, told us at the Jan. 24 meeting how the revitalized Steamwheelers and the excitement of arena football will be at the Tax Slayer Arena in a few short weeks.

The first Steamwheelers had played at the Mark of the Quad Cities 2000-09, and Jim had been the media director and play-by-play announcer. He said he had "retired to the lake home" after a career that included sports broadcasting at WQAD-TV and WOC-AM radio – "when I answered the phone and an excited voice asked if I'd like to help bring back" arena football in the QC.

That excited voice was Doug, a native of Ottawa, Ill., and an experienced owner and manager of other professional sports

franchises. He told Jim that he was part of a group that was forming a new arena league, Champions Indoor Football, CIF, which wanted to have a QC team.

After a remarkably short amount of time for such things, they said, the league and the Steamwheelers in it are set to begin playing Feb. 25 against the Chicago Marauders, who compete in a different league. “They’re in a league just below us,” Doug said, “but they won its championship last year.”

The other teams in the CIF league are Amarillo Venom, Bismarck Bucks, Dallas Marshals, Duke City (Albuquerque, N.M.) Gladiators, Kansas City Phantoms, Omaha Beef, Salina (Kan.) Liberty, Sioux City Bandits, Texas (Allen) Revolution and Wichita Force.

“We’re thrilled at the reception we’re getting from everybody in the Quad Cities that we’ve talked to,” Doug said.

A number of players who are being considered – the roster hasn’t yet been trimmed to the final 33 – have QC-area roots, he said. One linebacker – who was a ball boy for the 2000-09 Steamwheelers – played at Assumption High School and the University of Iowa.

The team also has tied into local high schools, Doug explained. Beginning with Davenport West on Feb. 25, athletes, cheerleaders and bands from one QC school will participate in each home game. He said Bettendorf High School is slated for the final season game, and Pleasant Valley is on the wait list for a post-season game.

The Steamwheelers and the arena in Moline have signed a 5-year agreement to play games in the QC.



Presentation...

➔**Update on Alessandro: Alessandro lo Maestro**, Rotary Exchange student from Italy, updated us on his activities so far this year at Pleasant Valley High School. The swim team, of which Alessandro is a member, has had its last meet. Training continues in preparation for district and state competition. Academically, he reported earning As and Bs. As for Iowa’s winter weather, he said, “It was my first time at 20-below – and it was *cold!*”

Looking forward to the 28-day U.S. bus tour for Rotary Exchange students from many schools, after school ends this summer, Alessandro said he hopes to earn much of the \$3,400 cost through demonstrations of Italian cooking and preparing meals of special dishes.

The 8,000-mile bus trip will take the students west to the Pacific Coast, across

southern states to the East Coast, including Washington, D.C., and New York – and return to the Midwest.

Announcements...

→ **Charitable Grants:** Next week's meeting is the BRC's annual opportunity to show the breadth of our impact on the Quad-City community – we'll give grants to charitable organizations, with funds derived from the proceeds of last June's LobsterFest.

Because of the extra time needed for all of the presentations, lunch service will begin at 11:30 a.m.

→ **Pinewood Derby:** Judges **Joe Campion** and **Ron Crist** said they had a lot of fun sharing the boys' excitement at the Cub Scouts Pack 54 Pinewood Derby last Saturday. "It took me back 50 years to my own derby," Joe commented.

→Upcoming and important:

→ **Thursday, Jan. 25:** **President Tim** leads a delegation of Bettendorf Rotarians at the Spotlight on QC Rotary event at St. Ambrose University, during which QC Rotarians will present the first check of a \$100,000, two-year commitment to support building the handicapped-accessible Miracle Field in Davenport.

→ **BBBS Putt-A-Round:** Three teams of BRC veteran putt-putt golfers will shoot to three-peat as champs of the Rotary Challenge at the BBBS fundraiser, at 5:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 1**, in Great River Hall of the RiverCenter, Davenport.

→ **Red Badge meeting:** All members with red stickers on their badge will learn much more about Rotary – and then take the red sticker off. It will be 6 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 13**, at Jersey Grill, Davenport

→ **Winter Party:** The BRC Winter Party is scheduled for the evening of **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. It'll feature entertainment by improv act Guys with Ties. More details to come at future meetings.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected **\$114** for our scholarship funds, with special amounts from: **Brent Werner** – hired a new team member, **Penny McGimpsey**... **Penny** – going to start working at Werner Restoration Services in early February... **Brad Morrison** – 5th anniversary for Riverbend Signworks... **President Tim** – oldest daughter had 3 job interviews, accepted one this week, "so she's off our payroll"... **Joe Campion** – Philadelphia Eagles fan, so "I'll wait until we win the Super Bowl for the big \$\$"

The meeting opened...



At the sound of 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 pianist **Tewanta Lopez** – led the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and learned of the deaths of **Brad Morrison**'s brother-in-law and **Dick Schillig**'s mother, age 97.

After introductions, we sang "A Helping Hand" and "Smile, and the World Smiles with You."

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarians:

Doug Peterson, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Jim Moore, Rotary Club of New York

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Terry Thompson, guest of **Joe Champion**
Alessandro lo Maestro, BRD Rotary
Exchange Student
Jim Albracht, QC Steamwheelers, speaker
Doug Bland, QC Steamwheelers, speaker

In all, 43 Bettendorf Rotarians, 2 visiting Rotarians and 5 guests attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Penny McGimpsey** 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, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Clark, Cochran, G. Coin, Dobesh, Doland, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hill, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, O’Brien, Ploehn, Powell, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Seemann, Sorensen, Spelhaug, Spykstra, Tombergs, Wells, Windmiller, 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, Hy-Vee, 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



Phil Dunbridge and Pat Flaherty in “Sleuth”

In other BRC news...

➔ **Phil Dunbridge stars in “Sleuth”:** The Black Box Theatre in Moline opens its 2018 season with a production of the classy who-dun-it “Sleuth,” and BRC’s own **Phil Dunbridge** in one of the lead roles. It opens Jan. 27 and runs through Feb. 11. Pat Flaherty plays the other lead.

“Sleuth,” written by Anthony Shaffer, was the winner of the Tony and Drama Critics Circle awards for Best Play when it played in New York City in the 1970s.

It has been described as “The ultimate game of cat-and-mouse” played out in a cozy English country house owned by celebrated mystery writer Andrew Syke and his invited guest Milo Tindle, a young rival who shares Wyke’s love of the game – and of his wife.

“I am thrilled to have Pat and Phillip take on roles that Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine made famous in the movie,” said director/designer Lora Adams [former BRC member], who is also co-founder of The Black Box Theatre. Tickets for the production are available at theblackboxtheatre.com.

Upcoming meetings... and more

Meeting programs thanks to program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:

Jan. 31: Bettendorf Rotary will award grants to QC not-for-profit organizations.
EARLY START:
Lunch service – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1: BBBS-benefit Putt-a-Round golf event; 5:30 p.m., Great River Hall, RiverCenter, Davenport

Feb. 7: Matt Coss, *QC Times* sports editor
Tuesday, Feb. 13: Red Badge Meeting, 6 p.m., Jersey Grill, Davenport



Feb. 14: Don Wooten: perspectives on Saint Valentine.

Feb. 21: Bettendorf Rotary hosts **Mayor Bob Gallagher**’s State of the City report – noon, at Waterfront Convention Center

Feb. 28: BRC Winter Party in the evening – no meeting at noon

June 9, 2018: LobsterFest XII

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