



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018,  
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

## We'll hear from **QC Times** Sports Editor **Matt Coss**

At the Feb. 7 meeting, we'll hear sports commentary from a relatively new voice: **Matt Coss**, who was named sports editor of the *Quad-City Times* last August.



As reported in a column by *Times* sports writer Don Doxsie, Matt "fills a position previously

held by such legends as John O'Donnell and Jerry Jurgens, by [Doxsie] for two different stints... and by Adam Soebbing for the past year-and-a-half....

The column continued: "Coss, 39, doesn't exactly need an introduction to the *Times* or the splendid sports tradition of the Quad-Cities. He grew up in Muscatine, playing basketball and tennis at Muscatine High School and [reading the *Times*].... It formed the foundation of the journalist he has become.

The column added: "The *Times* always had a tradition of having a great commitment to the coverage of high school sports and I always admired that," Coss said."

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018



**Representatives of recipient organizations received grants on Jan. 31.**

## QC charities get \$25,000 in grants

As he introduced the main purpose of the Jan. 31 meeting, **President Tim Lane** said, "100 percent of the funds we raise at our annual LobsterFest go back into the community."



As he shared Bettendorf Rotary Club Happy \$\$ later in the meeting, relatively new member **Joe Champion** said how proud he was to be a Bettendorf Rotarian at this, his first

Charitable Grants presentation meeting.

It was an opportunity for all 100-plus members of the Rotary Club of Bettendorf to "take a victory lap" as we presented \$25,000 in proceeds from our

annual LobsterFest to help support work of 15 charitable organizations of the Quad Cities.

In introducing the presentations, President Tim noted many of the other ways this Rotary club, alone or together with other, makes an impact on communities world-



wide; these are some examples:  
→In Bettendorf and the QC: dictionaries for every 4<sup>th</sup> grader in every school in Bettendorf... scholarships to grads of the city's high schools and Scott Community College... food baskets to deserving families at Thanksgiving and Christmas... planting trees in city parks... working with the city to beautify other public spaces... support for Miracle Fields  
→In Iowa: support for the Handicapped Games... support for disaster relief and recovery  
→World-wide: Support for PolioPlus, the eradication of this dread disease... support for projects to treat people with clubfeet or cleft palate... projects in third-world countries to provide clean water, sanitation and literacy

Tim individually thanked each of the sponsors of LobsterFest for their support, which supplies much of the funding for the club's philanthropy. He especially thanked **John DeDoncker** of Triumph Community Bank and **Bill Daley** of Abbey Carpet Gallery, presenting sponsors of the 2017 LobsterFest – who have committed to repeat that role in 2018. John and Bill personally presented each check to this year's grant recipients:

**41st Iowa Composite Squadron of the Iowa Wing, Civil Air Patrol: \$500.** The project, entitled "Youth cyber-security



and public affairs," will support creation and upkeep of a youth-oriented Website and dissemination of news of general CAP activities. Receiving the grant: Lt. Col. **Donald Hahn (r., above)** of the CAP's 7-state North-Central region and **Harry Coin**, QC Squadron adviser (and Bettendorf Rotarian).

**Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley: \$2,000.**

Funds will help pay for one of two new 15-passenger vans used to transport youths from Moline and Davenport Teen Centers to learning and enrichment opportunities throughout the QC.



**Elizabeth Zimmerman** received the grant check.

**Center for Active Seniors, Inc.: \$2,000.**

The grant will help improve the safety and appearance of CASI's reception area and help Winnie's Place Emergency



Shelter for women and their children. City Manager **Decker Ploehn** (a Bettendorf Rotarian) accepted the check for Laura Kopp, who was ill with flu.

**Child Abuse Council: \$1,100.** The



council purchased a new shaken-baby simulator doll to aid in training new fathers-to-be, and repaired



an existing doll. **Brooke Hendrickx** received the grant check.

**Christian Care: \$1,200.**

Funds provide support for "Caring for Our Community," a partnership with Unity Point-Trinity to serve



Christian Care clients. **Pam Hauman** accepted the check.

**Dress for Success Quad Cities: \$2,000.**

The grant will help support purchase of professional or specialized work attire and shoes for low-income women who have an interview or new job.



**Regina Haddock** received the grant.

**From Cover to Cover: \$2,000.** The group's "Snuggle Up and Read" campaign promotes literacy by providing at-risk students with new books and donated blankets. A representative was not in attendance.

**Greater Bettendorf Community Foundation: \$2,000.**

The group's Agape Center, 1101 Devils Glen Road (in Devils Glen Park) provides food, furniture, clothing and more to those in need. Grant recipient **Donald Wells** reported 425 volunteers served more than 128,000 meals in 2017.



**Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities:**

**\$2,000.** In its 25<sup>th</sup> year in the QC, Habitat needs to upgrade the video technology in the classroom where it conducts meetings and training, such as orienting and teaching partner families and volunteers. **Elesha Gayman** received the grant.







**Hope at the BRICK House: \$1,500.** After-school programs for kids need more space, and the grant will help with rental of additional classroom and gym space. **Joyce Klopp** accepted the check.

**Junior Achievement of the Heartland: \$1,500.** “JA BizTown” helps students – tomorrow’s workforce – develop the workplace skills they will need when they go to work. The grant to help fund that training was received by **Dougal Nelson** and **Tawnya Hambly**.



**River Music Experience: \$1,500.** RME “stepped up music-education programming by 30% last year,” and the grant will purchase two computers and related equipment to aid in that work, according to **Deb Powers**, who accepted the check.



**St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation: \$2,000.** Funds aid the “Family Burn Group,” a camp-style weekend retreat the supports both burn victims and their family members. **Andy Sheehan (l.)** and **Steve Knorrek** received the grant.

**Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program: \$2,500:** SEAP works with 54 social-service and health agencies whose clients may face unexpected expenses. The grant will help in such cases with



emergencies ranging from rent to car repair or moving expenses. SEAP Director **Diane Sonnevile (l.)** and **Patricia Bird**, a member of her Board, received the grant check.



**The Sparkle Effect:** **\$1,200.** Begun 10 years ago by Pleasant Valley High School students, The Sparkle Effect now unites students regardless of

their limitations on the same cheer squads at more than 200 schools in 30 states.

This grant, which **Linda Mullen** accepted, will aid training of two teams at PV and one at North Scott High School.

The Bettendorf Rotary Club’s Charities Board consists of **Jeff Hassel, Ann Kappeler, Kevin Kraft, Chelsea Powers, Sharon Sarver, Annette Martinez** and **Jonna Schuler**. **Jeff** and **Kevin** served as emcees during the grant presentations.

### Announcements...

➔**Miracle Field:** **President Tim Lane** said he, **President-elect Bill Daley** and other members had represented BRC at the Spotlight on QC Rotary event at St. Ambrose University last Thursday, during which QC Rotarians presented \$65,000 to support building the handicapped-accessible Miracle Field in Davenport. **Decker Ploehn** emceed the event and reported an additional \$6,500 was contributed by those who attended.

➔**BBBS Putt-A-Round:** If you’d like to see a BRC team (we have 3 of them entered) three-peat and bring home the Rotary Challenge trophy from the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters fund-raising event, head for the Great River Hall of the RiverCenter, Davenport, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Plan to cheer. A lot!

➔**Red Badge meeting:** Members with red stickers on their badge will learn more about Rotary at the Red Badge meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Jersey Grill, Davenport

➔**Winter Party:** The comedy improv act Guys with Ties may be the most overdressed people at the BRC Winter Party, scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. Come and enjoy food, drink, entertainment and Rotary fellowship.

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

**President Tim Lane** collected **\$168** for our scholarship funds, with special amounts from: **Kevin Kraft** – youngest daughter added 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild to the Kraft clan... **Joe Campion** – “very proud” at this, his first grants-presentation meeting... **President Tim** – \$10 in support of Big Brother Big Sister Putt-Putt teams (which very well may have finished putting when you read this...)

### The meeting opened...

The bell rang and **President Tim Lane** called the meeting to order. He welcomed all the guests present for the annual presentation of charitable grants 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 America.”

Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and friends in the community in need of support, including the family of Will Kohn, 7, who died from hypoplastic left heart syndrome, and whose life had touched the entire QC community; visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at St. John Vianney Catholic Church with services at 2 p.m. Friday at the church.



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),  
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**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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