



**THE
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CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018,
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

**QC 'legend' Don Wooten
talks of St. Valentine**

"Legend" may be overstating a bit (as he probably would say of himself). But Don Wooten has been contributing to the Quad Cities quality of life since the 1950s.

He's our scheduled speaker at the Feb. 14 meeting, when he will offer some timely comments on St. Valentine.

Don first became known to the QC in 1952, when he started a 20-year career as a weatherman, producer and public affairs director at WHBF-TV. Four years later, he founded Genesis Guild, which has staged free classic theatre and opera every summer since then. He retired just last year, at age 88.

He served two terms in the Illinois General Assembly, taught at Alleman High School and wrote music reviews for several publications. He still writes on the arts for a number of publications.

He founded Public Radio station WVIK in 1980 and was its general manager until 2003. He still hosts two weekly shows.

Last meeting:
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***Timesports ed.
tells of career***

In a recollection of his career as a sports journalist during the Feb. 7 meeting, **Matt Coss**, who has been the sports editor of the *Quad-City Times* since last August, said one of the best aspects of his job is that, "I get to tell the stories of the athletes and the coaches" as persons, not just sports figures.

Matt, 39, grew up playing basketball and tennis at Muscatine High School, and reading the sports coverage of the *Muscatine Journal* – where he later would become sports editor. So when he

came to the *Times* he already knew about covering the Mississippi Athletic Conference.

Between those years, he worked for newspapers in Creston, Iowa, “where I learned all aspects of newspapers,” he said, and Lee Enterprises papers in Mason City, Waterloo and Muscatine before coming to the *Times*. A graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, he covered his *alma mater*’s football and basketball successes up close while he worked at the *Waterloo Courier*.

Now with a staff of five at the *Times* plus the sportswriters at the Iowa-QC *Dispatch & Argus* (which Lee recently purchased), each reporter specializes in his own portion of coverage of QC and area high school, collegiate and professional sports. Matt said he focuses on covering MAC high school sports and the John Deere Classic.

In addition to full newspaper stories on the sports they cover, Matt and his staff write blogs and provide online “live coverage” updates as contests are being played. In addition to administering the sports department, Matt said, “I’m covering games 3-4 nights a week, writing my blog and Tweeting with readers.”

New-member inductions...

S.K. Nanda presided over the inductions



of three new members:

→ **Ada Christopher**, who is the new holder of the Home Instead Senior Care® franchise serving Scott and Rock Island counties.

Ada and her husband of 7 years, Aaron, moved to the Quad Cities from northern California about 1 ½ years ago. They are parents of two preschoolers.

→ **Beth Clark**, director of development and marketing of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley. Before joining BBBS in 2010, Beth had a 25-year



newspaper career with Lee Enterprises papers in five cities; her last post was with the *Quad-City Times*. She and her husband Bruce are parents of two adult sons.

→ **Megan Petersen**, director of development and marketing of the Alzheimer’s Association, which serves the QC from its Davenport office. Megan and her husband moved to the QC last July. She’s happy to be a

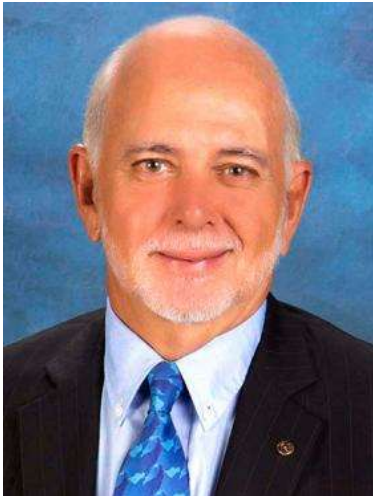


Rotarian, she said, because it continues a family tradition: her husband’s father had perfect Rotary meeting attendance for 41 years.

At the end of the meeting, **President Tim Lane** passed along one of his favorite truths about Rotary; he told the new inductees: “In Rotary, you’ll change the lives of people you’ll never meet.”

They’ll learn more about that fact, and much more, at the Red Badge Meeting next Tuesday.

Before the new-member inductions, S.K. pulled a pop “Rotary I.Q.” quiz. He asked for the name of the incoming (as of July 1) president of Rotary International. Former **DG Bill Tubbs**, visiting from the North Scott club, knew, but S.K. said he couldn’t answer because he’s supposed to know such things. No BRC members knew, so S.K. revealed that the RI



president for 2018-19 is **Barry Rassin** of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

Now retired, Barry earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida, and is the first fellow of

the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. The theme for his presidential year is: “Be the Inspiration.”

Announcements...

→ We 3-peat at BBBS Putt-A-Round:



President Tim called the BRC members who competed in last Thursday’s Rotary Challenge portion of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round fundraiser.

Brand-new member **Beth Clark** of the BBBS carried the trophy to the front of the room and announced, “We did three-peat!” The

members on the team “roster” going into the competition were; **Sharon Sarver, Carol Foster, Ron Crist, Penny McGimpsey, Steve Sorensen, Will Doland, Scott Naumann, Rick Bormann, Peggy Schneden** and **President Tim**.

In addition, **Tim “Chopper” Shea** signed his Locals Love Us team on as part of Bettendorf Rotary, just in case something went wrong...

→ Quick reminders:

→ **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 top the entertainment at the BRC Winter Party, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion..

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected **\$259** for our scholarship funds, with special amounts from: **Joe Champion** – \$47 worth of happy his Philly Eagles won Super Bowl LII (the other \$5 came from:)... **President Tim** – who was certain New England was going to win... **Tom Howard** – 58th wedding anniversary... **Jeff “Boomer” Hill** who’s so happy that Estes Construction is doing the Grant Wood Elementary School renovation that he invited everyone to drop by and see its progress... **Mike Raso** – 50th birthday – today... **Frank Mitvalsky** – thanks to the BRC members who judged the Cub Scout Pack 54 Pinewood Derby two weeks ago: **Tom Kook, Joe Champion, Ron Crist** and **Sharon Sarver** + thanks to **Scott Naumann** for his assistance + Mit’s son is swimming in an upcoming meet in

Iowa City... **Phil Dunbridge** – one weekend left in his demanding role in “Sleuth” at the Black Box Theatre in Moline... **Dick Schillig** – 208 “training days” to Labor Day and Run with Carl... **Jennifer Garlach** – glad snow is here for Girls and Boys Club’s fundraiser this weekend, sliding downhill on cardboard “sleds”... **John Rabine** – thanks to **Will Doland** for Doland Jewelers making a Christmas-present bracelet for Alexa out of collected European coins.

The meeting opened...

After the bell sounded, **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 “This Is My Country.”

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.



After introductions, we sang “R.O.T.A.R.Y,” “Edelweiss,” because, Tom said, of the fresh snow overnight, and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Those with February birthdays – who were treated to “**brownie sundaes**” – are: 01, Laurie Hutcheson; 03, Tom

Kellenberger; 07, Michael Raso; 10, Gwen Tombergs; 13, Paul Scranton; 16, Tim Downing; 22, Tricia Gross; 23, S.K. Nanda; 25, Craig Windmiller.

Secretary Johanna Smith introduced...

Visiting Rotarian:

Bill Tubbs – North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist

Allison Fair, Arndt Chiropractic

Brian Mosher, guest of **Tim Lane**

Matt Coss, *Quad-City Times*, Speaker

Dr. Cornelius Davis, guest of **Tom Kook**

In all, 47 Bettendorf Rotarians, 1 visiting Rotarian and 5 guests attended.

Missing today...

Arumugam, Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Cochran, G. Coin, Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Eikenberry, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Gause, Gross, Hassel, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraus, Larsen, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, O’Brien, Paplinski, Pieart, Powell, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schillig, Scranton, Seemann, Slavens, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, 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

Upcoming meetings... and more

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

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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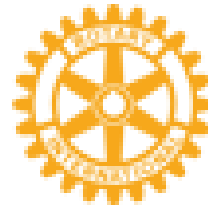
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