



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 14, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, March 21, 2018
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

What's the 'Quad-Cities Big Table' all about?

You've likely seen the TV commercial: a number of people – some of whose faces you recognize from Quad-City TV stations – are sitting around a huge conference table talking. The words



“Quad Cities Big Table” appear on the screen. Maybe you wonder what it's all about.

You can find out at the March 21 meeting featuring guest speaker **Aleeza Singh**, a member of the Quad Cities Big Table Task Force.

Describing herself as “a proud Quad-Citizen,” Aleeza is a senior financial adviser for Merrill Lynch in Davenport. She serves on the boards of Family Resources and the Figge Art Museum and works with several other area not-for-profit organizations.

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SAU Dance aids hospitalized kids

If the St. Ambrose Dance Marathon reaches its goal – it's slated for March 24 at St. Ambrose University's Rogalski Center – it will have reached \$1 million in just 6 years of raising funds for the University of Iowa's Stead Family Children's Hospital.

Emily Lane and **Mitch Millius**, the co-directors of St. Ambrose's largest student-run organization, said at the March 14 meeting that they hope to pass the \$235,000 goal – and add that to the “\$765,625.21 we've raised at SAU in five years.”

All of that money goes to support the 33 QC kids who are being treated at the U of I hospital and their families. The funds help in many ways, from research and medications to overnight stays at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City

and gas cards to ease the families' transportation costs.

The St. Ambrose Dance Marathon is part of a phenomenon at some 300 campuses across the U.S. that has raised more than \$200 million since 1991.

The 13.1-hour-long dance marathon on campus culminates year-long fundraising efforts involving 8 student committees that work on- and off-campus.

In addition to organizing the dance marathon, Emily and Mitch said, the student volunteers support the hospitalized kids and their families with monthly events – such as a summer picnic, Halloween party and Thanksgiving dinner – and free babysitting if a patient's parents want to go out to dinner “on a date.”

With all of this activity, the St. Ambrose Dance Marathon ranks No. 7 among all U.S. colleges and universities with an enrollment under 10,000.

Presentation...



➔**Paul Harris Fellow: S.K. Nanda** presented the Paul Harris Fellow pin to **Ada Christopher**, noting, “She is the fastest Paul Harris Fellow in the history of Bettendorf Rotary” – Ada was just

inducted on Feb. 7. She was surprised to receive the pin so soon until **President Tim Lane** explained that her husband (a Davenport Rotarian) had paid her PHF contributions in full.

Announcements...

➔**LobsterFest kickoff:** President Tim noted that the 2018 LobsterFest planning season began today with an 11 a.m.

meeting that focused on sponsorship. “We already have \$30,000 in sponsors today,” he exclaimed, thanking repeating

Title Sponsors Triumph Community Bank (**John DeDoncker**) and Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Bill Daley**) and other sponsors who have already re-upped.



To volunteer for any of the myriad jobs that make our annual fundraiser so successful, contact **Ann Kappeler** (Annkappeler1950@gmail.com) or **Secretary Johanna Smith** (bettendorffrotary@gmail.com).

➔**Cooking with Alessandro:** We know **Alessandro loMaestro** as the Rotary Exchange student this year at Pleasant Valley High School. But **Dr. Julie Meyers** introduced him as the source of authentic Italian cooking, “in your own home,” she said. She explained that he wants to use his love of cooking the food of his home country to earn the \$2,000 he still needs to go on the bus tour that will take Rotary Exchange students from the Midwest around the U.S. this summer. After naming some of the dishes he enjoys making – “tiramisu... carbonara... lasagna...” – he smiled and summarized, simply: “They’re worth it.”



To arrange a dinner with Alessandro, contact Dr. Julie (livewellqc@gmail.com), President Tim (tim.lane@edwardjones.com) or Harry Coin (hgcoin@gmail.com).

→ **Run with Carl: Dick Schillig** and President Tim seemed to have calendars that couldn't agree – but both agreed it's 80+ days to Labor Day and the Run with Carl to add funds to the next round of Carl Schillig Memorial Scholarships.

→ **President-elect training: Bill Daley** and **Carol Foster** attended the District 6000 training session last week, and Bill commented on its major takeaways: → "Our club is doing many things right," Bill said, enumerating the major ways we serve the community

→ "We have young new members and a number who still are active after 40 or more years," he said, as he talked about Rotary's "big picture" of world-wide service with its billion-dollar impact – "and you all are part of it."

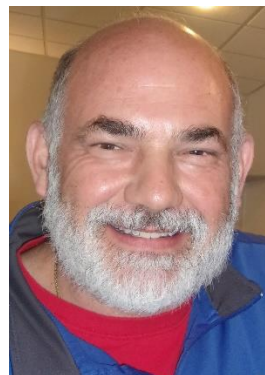


→ Rotary is "a big deal," he concluded, "and I'm humbled and honored to serve you for the coming year as president."

→ **Moline Rotary event:** Mark Carlson, visiting Moline Rotarian, invited Bettendorf Rotarians to attend his club's "Uncorked & Uncommon (Uncommon Pairings, Uncommonly Good Tastes)" fundraising event 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 18 (with food served 6-8 p.m.) at City-View Celebrations at Trimble Pointe. It features "wine and food pairing with a twist" and live entertainment. For tickets, at \$50 each, call Kimberly Crane, 309-269-4280 or kimberly65@yahoo.com.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$122 for our scholarship funds, with special amounts from: **Lee Marbach** – a project of his was featured in a news report on KWQC-TV...



Greg Blaske – in Colorado skied during spring break... and grew a nice crop of chin shrubbery for a charity... **Brad Morrison** –

spent some spring-break time with daughter at college and Mom... **President Tim** –

quoted wife and daughter: “All of Iowa seems to be on break in Florida”... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – happy to be helping Alessandro with his U.S. bus tour... **Gwen Tombergs** – happy with results of hip replacement... **Ada Christopher** – really happy about her PHF pin.



The meeting opened...

On Pi Day, when **President Tim Lane** treated the membership to a selection of wedge-shaped pastries (which had nothing to do with 3.14, but they were tasty), he struck the bell a sort-of glancing blow, called the meeting order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test.

Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America, the Beautiful.”

President Tim returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and learned that pianist **Tewanta Lopez**’s parents and President Tim’s father-in-law are facing health issues.



After introductions, the musicians led the singing of “My Wild Irish Rose,” and **Dick Hanzelka** joined Tom and Gail for a rendition of the first verse of “When Irish Eyes are Smiling,” before we all chimed in on the chorus

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Mark Carlson, Blaze Restoration, Moline Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist

Alessandro loMaestro, Rotary Exchange student at PVHS

Mike Simons, Blaze Restoration (Mark Carlson guest)

Ben Keith, MidAmerican Energy

Carrie Lane, guest of **Tim Lane**

Emily Lane, St. Ambrose University

Dance Marathon, speaker

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In all, 38 Bettendorf Rotarians, 1 visiting Rotarian and 8 guests attended.

Missing today...

Bennett, Boeye, Brown, Campion, Chambers, Cochran, G. Coin, Crist, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Lobe-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naab, Naeve,

Naumann, Nelson, Paplinski, Pedersen, Pieart, Ploehn, Powell, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Seemann, Shea, Slavens, Spelhaug, Spykstra, Tuein, Wells, Werner, 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



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Tim Lane** 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 \$\$*.

Upcoming meetings... and more

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



March 21:
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June 9:
 LobsterFest XII, Tanglewood Hills Pavilion and Grounds

June 13:
 We host a luncheon for the 22 2018 Miss Iowa contestants and their personal assistants

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