



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 21, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, March 28, 2018
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

How Rotary District 6000 works internationally

Rotary District 6000 has supported many projects that have improved the lives of people in many emerging nations. At the March 28 meeting, we'll get an update on international projects our district is working on from **Jim Peterson** of the Iowa City A.M. club.

Jim joined that Iowa City Rotary in 2000 and has been involved in literacy,

hygiene and community-development projects at Xicotepec, Puebla, Mexico,

since they began in 2001. In 2003 he began coordinating yearly trips of Iowa Rotarians to work on projects developed by the Xicotepec Rotary.

As a member of the district's Grants Subcommittee, Jim has helped fund the international projects of many Iowa clubs. He has written a number of Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Global Grant applications.

Rotary



Last meeting:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018



Big Table brings QC together

An upcoming opportunity for 5,000 Quad Citians to offer ways to improve the community was in sharp focus at the March 21 meeting as **Renee Gellerman** of the Quad Cities Chamber, **Aleeza Singh**, an active Chamber member, and our own **Gwen Tombergs** and **Decker Ploehn** excitedly explained the Quad Cities Big Table.

Scheduled for April 20-21, the Big Table aims to bring together some 5,000 members of the community, gathered in groups of 8-12 (many or all of whom may be meeting for the first time), in places throughout the QC for one-hour conversations with these aims in mind:

- Building trust for each other
- Better understanding one another
- Inspiring action that will create lasting change
- Sparking new ways of problem-solving and working together

→Increasing opportunities for empowerment and community leadership

The Big Table is open to anyone, the presenters said: existing groups or organizations, or individuals. A “table” of 8-12 persons comprises “the ideal setting for a quality conversation,” they said. The hour-long conversation may take place anywhere in two broad types of location:

→Public location: Tables have been reserved at such sites as public libraries, restaurants or places of worship; or

→Private location: A person who has volunteered to host a table will select a place and time for their conversation.

A person can participate in either kind of location. The project’s Website (see below) says: “If a Host invited you to join their table, find their Private Location Table name or Public Location date and time. If you are signing up to join any Public Table, choose the date, location and time that fits your schedule. You can join more than one.”

At the March 21 meeting, Gwen said: “We want you (meaning all Bettendorf Rotarians) to consider being one of 500 hosts.” But whether host or participant, she urged members to join the project.

Decker said he had already signed on to be a host – he even tossed \$20 into the Happy \$\$ pot. He cited the Rotary 4-Way Test as motivation to be involved.

After the Big Table meetings, all who participated will be asked to evaluate the experience, pass along their suggestions

and recommendations – and all of the results of the process will be published.

To learn more about this initiative, go to <http://quadcitiesbigtable.com/>. Articles will describe the project more fully and answer your questions. Big red buttons – “Register to Host” or “Register to Join a Table” – will lead you through the registration process.

Then mark your calendar with the time, date and place you signed up for – and think about the Quad Cities you’d like to see in the future.



Presentation...

→Rotarian of the Quarter: President **Tim Lane** presented a Rotarian of the Quarter plaque to **Past-president Jonna Schuler** for “all of her work behind the scenes this year,” he said – most especially her success in securing Abbey Carpet Gallery (**Bill Daley**) and Triumph Community Bank (**John DeDoncker**) as presenting sponsors and all of the media sponsors for last June’s LobsterFest. “I am truly honored,” Jonna said.

Announcements...

→ LobsterFest auction items: Ann



Kappeler said today's LobsterFest focus was on auction items – both major live-auction items and smaller items

that can be combined into gift baskets. She asked members with ideas to stay for a brief brain-storming session after the meeting – and she's always happy to receive more ideas

(Annkappeler1950@gmail.com).

→ Thanks for supporting Alessandro:

Last week we started to get serious about helping our Rotary Exchange student **Alessandro loMaestro** earn the cost of the area RE students' bus tour around the U.S. this summer. Members' mouths were still salivating to taste **Alessandro's** authentic Italian *cucinando* as last week's meeting ended. And in no time at all, President Tim said, three families – the **(Craig) Windmillers**, **(Todd) Seemanns** and **(Ada and Aaron) Christophers** – had set up enough cooking events for him to earn his trip.

After the meeting, **Harry Coin** reported Alessandro was overcome with gratitude and asked how he could possibly repay their generosity. Harry told him, "Join Rotary." "I will," he replied.

→ **District 6000 Conference:** **Carol Foster** passed around signup sheets for members to attend the District 6000 Conference in Davenport the evening of Thursday, April 12. In a new format this year, this event, 5:30-9 p.m., at the Steeplegate Inn includes a social hour, meal, speakers, networking and

fellowship with other Rotarians in the eastern part of the district. The event will be replicated the following two days in four other southern Iowa cities. BRC will pick up each member's registration fee.



The BRC News editor was happy about spring crocuses blooming all about Bettendorf

BRC Happy \$\$...

These Bettendorf Rotarians shared their happiness: **President Tim Lane**, proud papa – happy as his daughter presented last week's program on the St Ambrose Dance Marathon... **Brad Morrison** – happy and relieved to learn, via text messages, that his daughter (who had been trapped on an elevator – and smelled smoke while there) – was safely rescued... **Larry Thein** – missed last week because he was at his 13-year-old son's debate – "he lost by 1 point, but got an A"... **Joe Campion** – happy "my Villanova Wildcats are on their way to No. 1 in the NCAA"... **Kevin Kraft** – "today is check day," including his LobsterFest sponsorship and his birthday... **Steve Pieart** – he and Marilyn were recognized for 40 years of volunteering for Habitat for Humanity... **Dr. Tom Olson** (turning to Brad, after his daughter's elevator escape): "you know, life has its ups and downs"... **Ann Kappeler** – happy her guest Michelle Calabrese is joining BRC... **Harry Coin** – happy a text from *his* daughter

reporting a “shooter on campus” near her at Northwestern turned out to be a hoax... **Dick Paplinski** – mixed feelings that his youngest daughter is marking her 50th birthday... **Jonna Schuler** – “You know why I’m happy!”

The meeting opened...



President Tim Lane struck the bell, called the meeting order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test.

Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Scott Naumann**’s musically talented laptop, led the singing of “This Is My Country.”

President Tim returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and friends of Rotarians in need of support.

After introductions, Tom led the singing of “Vive le Rotary” and “There Are Smiles.”

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Mark Carlson, Blaze Restoration, Moline Rotary

Geoff Manis, Moline Rotary

Brian Geordt, North Scott Rotary

Nikki Dillon, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Michelle Calabrese, AC Pet Cremation, guest of **Ann Kappeler**

Aleeza Singh, Quad City Big Table Initiative, speaker

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In all, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians, 4 visiting Rotarian and 3 guests attended.

Missing today...

Bennett, Boeye, Brown, Chambers, Cochran, G. Coin, Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Downing, Dunbridge, Eikenberry, Fair, Falk, Gallagher Sr., Garlach, Gause, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kook, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naeve, Nelson, Pedersen, Powell, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Seemann, Shea, Slavens, Wells, Werner, Windmiller and Worner

Make-ups...

Jim Spelhaug, Iowa Quad-City 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, 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, **Ann Kappeler** 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* \$\$.

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>

Upcoming meetings... and more

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



March 28:

Jim Peterson of the Iowa City A.M. Rotary: Updating District 6000 international projects

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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