



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
May 2, 2018, issue

Next meeting:
Noon Wednesday, May 9, 2018
At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

Here's what QC Boys, Girls Clubs are doing

Our own **Jennifer Garlach** is scheduled to provide an update on the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley at the May 9 meeting.



The BGCMV has been serving youth in the QC area since 1994. Its mission: "enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full

potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens," according to its Website.

It serves some 700 members at 4 sites:
→Moline Club, 406 7th St.
→Moline Teen Center, 1122 5th Ave.
→Davenport Club, 1702 Iowa St. (First Presbyterian Church)
→Davenport Teen Center, 1702 N. Main St. (JB Young Opportunity Center)

Programming aims to develop character and prevent delinquency through guiding behavior and "promoting health, social, educational, vocational and character development."

Last meeting:
Wednesday, May 2, 2018



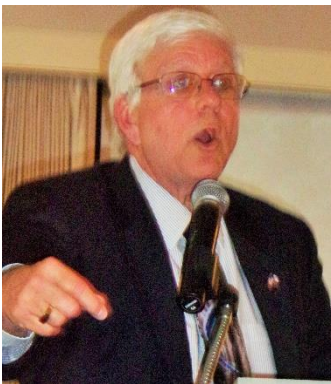
DHS serves about 1/3 of all Iowans

It's been a relatively short time since **Jerry Foxhoven** was confirmed as director of the Iowa Department of Human Services, with its yearly budget of about \$7 billion and a clientele that comprises about a third of Iowans. He provided an overview of that mammoth agency at our May 2 meeting.

The former state Child Advocacy Board administrator and foster care advocate oversees the work of about 4,000

employees across Iowa – a thousand fewer than in 2011, he said – who mostly provide physical and mental health services.

DHS operates six residential-type facilities: two providing mental health services, two resource centers “for people whose needs are so complex there’s no place else for them,” the Boys State Training Center and a center for sex offenders who have completed prison sentences.



To help protect children in the state, DHS operates a Child Abuse Hotline, which receives more than a thousand calls a week, assesses them and investigates about 35,000 in a year. The agency keeps a registry of some 50,000 people in the state “who should not be

working with children,” Jerry said. Other programs provide assistance to foster parents, help many fosters adopt the children they care for, and advocate for the safe care of the elderly who otherwise might be endangered.

DHS provides services that assist in disaster response, providing food to the needy and helping settle refugees from about the world.

The agency is responsible for overseeing Iowa’s Medicaid program, which serves some 640,000 people, or more than 1 in 5. Clients of those services fall into 4 main categories, Jerry said:

- Children who are poor or have long-term health issues
- Low-income adults
- People who are blind or disabled
- The elderly, predominantly those in nursing homes.

Announcements...



→**Plant trees:** President Tim Lane said the intrepid tree-planting volunteers from BRC (plus some family members and friends) planted “about 40 trees” Saturday morning in Veterans Memorial Park and along two sections of 53rd Avenue.

→**Upcoming meetings:** President Tim said that, thanks to Program Chair Scott Naumann, the roster of programs for the remainder of his term has been filled. (See pages 5-6 for details.)

→**TBK Sports Complex & more:** Mayor Bob Gallagher announced that the grand opening of the TBK Sports Complex (which we will tour May 30, as our weekly meeting – lunch included) is scheduled for May 3. The TBK will host its first baseball tournament this weekend, he said, and it will involve some 100 clubs.

Mayor Bob also announced the opening of two brew-pubs in Bettendorf within the coming weeks.

→**LobsterFest:** President Tim announced that we have exceeded our goal of \$50,000 in sponsorships – \$33,000 in cash plus in-kind contributions – and there’s still time to add more sponsors. But you have to act



fast, he emphasized. Please contact Tim:
timlane7@gmail.com.

Tim also urged all members to order their tickets ASAP – contact him, **Penny McGimpsey** (pmcg0809@gmail.com), **Ann Kappeler** (Annkappeler1950@gmail.com) or **Secretary Johanna Smith** (bettendorfrotary@gmail.com)

He announced that SMG (Solutions Management Group) had signed on as a Gold Sponsor

These are the LobsterFest sponsors who have already signed on:

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Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

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BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$420 with special expressions of happiness from: **Beth Clark** – the Big Brothers Big Sisters annual fund-raising plant sale – “4½ semi-trucks worth” – kicks off this weekend at Northwest Bank Tower parking lot... **Jonna Schuler** – thank-you for the expressions of sympathy in her mother’s passing... **Mike Simons** – daughter graduated from Loyola... **Dick Paplinski** – two years cancer-free + granddaughter, a BHS sophomore, elected to National Honor Society... **Bill Daley** – heading to Ames to pick up his daughter at ISU... **Jim Slavens** – an open invitation to Rotarians for Mississippi River boat rides, for groups of up to 8 at a time... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – birthday + getting her birthday dessert (tiramisu, what else?) from Rotary Exchange student **Alessandro** + for her birthday bought a bike for the District 6000 bike project + her patients bought a second bike... **Ron Crist** – Alessandro prepared a dinner party for 4 couples, and joined in the conversation... **Carl Loweth** – birthday 76 + daughter, at age 51, making a career change, training to be a physician’s assistant... **Christy Gause** – daughter made the PVHS “Platinum” dance team... **Gwen Tombergs** – thanks to all Bettendorf Rotarians who participated in the Big Table sessions... **Dick Schillig** – 124 days to Run with Carl on Labor Day... **Decker Ploehn** – 66th birthday

The meeting opened...



The bell sounded and **President Tim Lane** called the meeting to order. He led the recitation of The 4-Way Test.



Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Tewanta Lopez** (returned after her mother’s funeral), led the singing of “God Bless America.”

President Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and community friends in need of support.

Tom led the singing of “Sing Out a Song of Rot’ry,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians.” Bettendorf Rotarians with May birthdays – who enjoyed their choice of dessert bars – are: 01, Decker Ploehn; 03, Julie Meyers; 19, Laurie Dobesh, Todd Ashby, Grishma Arumugam; 27, Annette Martinez; 29, Sharon Sarver; 31, Carl Loweth



Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

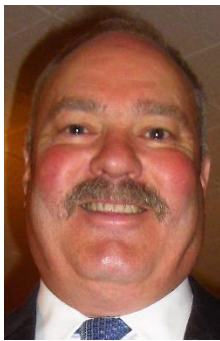
Visiting Rotarians:

Aaron Christopher, Davenport Rotary
Jim Moore, Rotary Club of New York City
Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Jerry Foxhoven, director, Iowa Department of Human Services, speaker
Lynn Ripple, UnityPoint Health - Trinity, guest of **Christy Gause**
Sandy Yoder, guest of **Tom Howard**
Natalee Wenzel, Handicapped Development Center, guest of **Carol Foster**

In all, 55 Bettendorf Rotarians, 3 visiting Rotarians and 5 guests attended.



And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Decker Ploehn** 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, Ashby, Blaske, Boeye, Chambers, Christopher, Cochran, G. Coin, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Early, Eikenberry, Fair, Foster, Franks, Garlach, Geordt, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Kellenberger, Keith, Kook, Kraus, Larsen, Lokenvitz, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Pacha, Pedersen, Pieart, Powell, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schwab, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Wells, Werner, Windmiller

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:



May 9: Jennifer Garlach: Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley
May 16: Emphasis on youth: 2018 Rotary Scholarship recipients + RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership

Academy) participants + “Pay It Forward” project

May 23: Jerry Brands, Olympic bronze medalist; University of Iowa wrestling coach

May 30: We tour the TBK Sports Complex, Middle Road at I-80 (almost); lunch at 11:30 a.m. with tour after

June 6: Let’s get ready for LobsterFest!

Saturday, June 9: LobsterFest XII, Tanglewood Hills Pavilion and Grounds

June 13: The 22 2018 Miss Iowa contestants and their personal assistants are our guests

June 20: Meet **Bill Daley**, 2018-19 president + LobsterFest wrap-up

June 23-27: Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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Thursday, July 19: All QC Rotarians attend QC River Bandits baseball game at Modern Woodmen Field

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