



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa

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## *Next meeting:*

Noon Wednesday, May 16, 2018

At Tanglewood Hills Pavilion

## **Accent on youth: scholars, RYLA and ‘Pay It Forward’**

Several aspects of Bettendorf Rotary’s commitment to youth step into the spotlight at the May 16 meeting:

Cindy Lewis, the elementary curriculum director of Pleasant Valley Schools, will report on a pilot project, “Pay It Forward,” that PV rolled out this year. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in that project, which included elements of service and philanthropy. BRC funded that project, so it’s an opportunity to learn first-hand how one of our grants is working.

Continuing the youth theme, we’ll meet several high school students:

→The graduating seniors who receive \$1,000 Bettendorf Rotary Scholarships. BRC awards one scholarship to each Bettendorf high school – BHS, PVHS, Rivermont Collegiate – and to a student at Scott Community College who goes on to a 4-year college.

→The students from Bettendorf who have been chosen to attend the Iowa Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. Each summer students from throughout the state spend a week on campus learning leadership skills.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, May 9, 2018



## **Boys, Girls Clubs build young lives**

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley have been helping Quad-City kids from difficult circumstances since 1994, said our own **Jenny Garlach**, the organization’s executive director, presented an update on the group at the May 9 meeting.

The BGC MV works with many other social service agencies, community employers, local governments and more than 160 volunteers to provide after-school programming for kids ages 6-18. Those programs are divided into three age groups – ages 6-9, 10-12 and 13-18. Using its own staff and experts from throughout the community, the clubs aim to develop skills in five areas:

→Education and career development – Activities progress from improving reading and other basic academic skills among younger members through learning about careers and how to prepare

for them to actual internships for older youth.

→Character and leadership development – Club members work with many entities in the community, including Boy and Girl Scouts, police departments, animal shelters and nursing homes, to learn “people skills” and how to succeed in many social settings.



→Health and life skills – Youths learn about a wide range of issues that have an impact on personal health (such as obesity, hunger, proper nutrition), on life in a family (working with Family Resources, for example), and in society (from such organizations as Living Lands and Waters).

→The arts – Students have opportunities to attend music and theatre performances, develop skills from practicing local artists and take trips to museums and galleries. Some are learning to play musical instruments or hone other talents.

→Sports, fitness and recreation – Each day’s activities include time for playing games and sports. In addition, club members have opportunities to attend local pro-sports events, and participate in seasonal sports.

BGCMV operates 4 sites – clubs for younger members, teen centers for older:

- Moline Club, 406 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Moline Teen Center, 1122 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Davenport Club, 1702 Iowa St. (First Presbyterian Church)
- Davenport Teen Center, 1702 N. Main St. (JB Young Opportunity Center)



### **Presentation...**

→**Paul Harris Foundation + 4: Laurie Dobesh** received the jewel-encrusted PHF + 4 pin – signifying she has contributed a total of \$5,000 to Rotary International’s Paul Harris Foundation. In making the presentation, **S.K. Nanda** noted that the foundation makes more than \$200 million in grants to help communities worldwide.

### **Announcements...**

→**LobsterFest: President Tim** called **Penny McGimpsey, Johanna Smith** and **Gwen Tombergs** to update news about our biggest fundraiser – now just a month away (5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, June 9).

Our new ticket-management system captures email addresses and phone numbers of all ticket purchasers. That



makes it easier to communicate a count-down to LobsterFest – which includes the ability to place bids on desired auction items before the party even starts.

It also gives BRC the ability to personally invite non-members who attend LobsterFest the opportunity to attend our grant-presentation meeting next winter, when they can see how their financial support helps the community.

Gwen called attention to the letters on each table, inviting members to donate cash or items for the silent auction or raffle. “We have just two weeks to get the auction packages together,” she said. “Gift cards – of any kind – are always welcome.” Someone added that any gift card purchased at Hy-Vee earns the buyer Fuel Saver money.

Sponsorship has now hit \$61,000, President Tim announced – \$33,500 cash and \$27,500 in-kind contributions.

Time is growing short for members to order their tickets: contact **Penny McGimpsey** ([pmcg0809@gmail.com](mailto:pmcg0809@gmail.com)), **Secretary Johanna Smith** ([bettendorfrotrary@gmail.com](mailto:bettendorfrotrary@gmail.com)) or **Ann Kappeler** ([Annkappeler1950@gmail.com](mailto:Annkappeler1950@gmail.com)).

This is the updated list of sponsors of this year’s LobsterFest:

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

**President Tim Lane** collected **\$219** – with special amounts from these happy Bettendorf Rotarians: **Gary Mohr** – happy to be home after the Iowa Legislature’s extra-long session... **George Coin** – nice to be back, from Florida... **Jim Spelhaug** – Pleasant Valley High School will award some 90 scholarships to graduates, including the two \$1,000 ones from Bettendorf Rotary + proud Papa had two daughters among finalists for *Quad-City Times* Athlete of the year – and Ellie won!... **Greg Blaske** – just back from Germany where his daughter, member of the Wartburg College choir, sang at Wittenberg Castle Church (where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses)... **Jenny Garlach** – visited son Graham in Japan... **Dick Schillig** – “I didn’t go anywhere – but it’s 117 days to Run with Carl on Labor Day – and you can register at the Website”... guest Cheryl Riley-Hayles from St. Ambrose University – invitation to register for the SAU workshop on leadership for community members, which is based on the university’s Masters in Organizational Leadership ... **Penny McGimpsey** – invitation to Werner Restoration’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, the evening of Thursday, May 24... **President Tim** – requested “The Whiffenpoof Song,” so **Scott Naumann** (remember his talented laptop) played two versions, one by Bing Crosby... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – “We’re not in a recession just now, so Gary Mohr has no worries.”



## The meeting opened...

with, **President Tim Lane** calling the meeting to order and leading t The 4-Way Test.

Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Scott Naumann**'s multi-talented laptop (have you heard its sound effects?), led "America the Beautiful."

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 "R-O-T-A-R-Y – That Spells Rotary" and "When You're Smiling."

## Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

### Visiting Rotarian:

Liz Zimmerman-Waldman, Boys & Girls Clubs of MV, Davenport Rotary – speaker

### Guests:

Pete Hadjis, Farrell's Extreme Bodyshaping, guest of **Shawn Langan**

Cheryl Riley-Hayles, St. Ambrose

University, guest of **Gwen Tombergs**

Russell Wright, St. Ambrose University,

guest of **Tim Lane**

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**Jennifer Bennett**

In all, 56 Bettendorf Rotarians, 1 visiting Rotarian and 4 guests attended.



## And at the end...

**Penny McGimpsey** 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...

Boeye, Bormann, Campion, Clark, Cochran, DeDoncker, Early, Eikenberry, Fair, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Gause, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Keith, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Pacha, Pedersen, Pieart, Ploehn, Powell, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Sherrick, Thein, 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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**, [scott@midlandcom.com](mailto:scott@midlandcom.com), 445-4260:



**May 16:** Emphasis on youth: 2018 Rotary Scholarship recipients + RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) participants + “Pay It Forward” project

**May 23:** Terry

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 (<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox/163032ef62598cee>)

**Thursday, July 19:** All QC Rotarians attend QC River Bandits baseball game at Modern Woodmen Field

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