



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

11:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 30
At TBK Sports Complex
Middle Road at (almost) I-80

We get a tour of the new TBK Bank Sports Complex

We've heard **Mayor Bob Gallagher** proudly talk about it – and next week we'll get the opportunity to find out what all the excitement over Bettendorf's new TBK Bank Sports Complex is all about.

The meeting starts early, at 11:45 a.m., with lunch service. Enter at H-5 and go to the upper level. After lunch, we'll get a walking tour of the facilities. "Wear your walking shoes," **Decker Ploehn** advised.

While baseball and softball competitions have begun outdoors, finishing work is still going on inside the TBK on basketball and volleyball courts. When finished, it will bring teams to Bettendorf to compete throughout the year. Planned lodging and restaurants will add to the amenities available at the TBK site.

In addition, it will house a Level II fitness center and a Genesis Physical Therapy facility. But that's not all. Come to the meeting to find out more. You can prepare yourself by visiting the Website: www.tbkbanksportscomplex.com/

Last meeting:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018



Coaching for life along with titles

In a conversational talk laced with references to his Christian faith, University of Iowa wrestling coach **Terry Brands** spoke, during the May 24 meeting, more about his program's commitment to building character than to building a sports record.

Although, he has done both: He is a two-time world wrestling champion and Olympic bronze medalist. In the last 10 years, he has led Iowa to two NCAA and three Big 10 team titles, coached eight NCAA champions, 56 All-Americans and 13 Big 10 champs while compiling a dual-meet record of 159-16-1... among other achievements.

But on Wednesday Terry focused on the importance of things beyond wrestling.

A few years ago, he said, Iowa signed the No. 1 recruiting class in collegiate wrestling. “We wanted to keep the title run going,” he commented.

Despite that auspicious start, “it’s been eight years now since we finished a season as the No. 1 team.” Those top wrestlers in that No. 1 recruiting class were “a bunch of great individuals,” he said, “but they didn’t know how to be a team.”

That top recruiting class produced neither an individual nor a team championship. “They weren’t selfless,” he said, admitting he fell short of coaching them into being the kind of athletes who would willingly help teammates who weren’t as talented as they were.



Terry signed copies of his book for fans.

Learning from that sort of experience, Terry said he now focuses much more on the team and a sense of family as the spirit of the Iowa program.

Saying the Iowa wrestling program admits when it makes mistakes and learns from them, Terry said the objective is to “help young men be the best and give them a chance to contend for greatness.” To him that focus extends beyond sport to all of life.

More Rotary Scholarships

Earlier in the meeting, we met the remaining 2018 Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship recipients:

→ **Lilli Ambort**, Bettendorf High School, who will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities next year. During high school she has been involved in speech, debate and writing activities,



→ **Emma Aanestad**, BHS, who has been accepted at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. A member of student council, she ran cross-country, played on the volleyball and golf teams and was elected to the National Honor Society.



→ **Collin Smith**, Pleasant Valley High School, who will go to Boston College next year. Captain of the History Bowl team, he also competed on the Math and Frisbee teams.



Special announcements...

Iowa Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald joined our meeting to make two important announcements:

→ **Great Iowa Treasure Hunt:** The Iowa State Treasurer’s Office is holding millions of dollars that it owes to Iowans – more than \$17 million right here in Scott County – he said. The reasons vary:



tax overpayments or unclaimed tax refunds, and bequests in wills where the heir can't be found, for example. He urged everyone to check for their name on the massive list of names; go to: www.GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.
→**Iowa 529 Contest:** To stimulate participation in the state's college-saving program, he urged parents to visit the site www.iowa529contest.com/ and learn about giveaway programs. He said, "College Savings Iowa offers an easy, affordable, tax-advantaged way to save for college. By starting early and saving regularly, you can watch your savings and your child grow side by side. They grow up fast. Plan now for their tomorrow."

Announcements...

→**John Deere Classic: President Tim Lane** repeated the call for volunteers to work during the John Deere Classic, July 11-15. "Bettendorf Rotary will once again marshal Hole No.1," he said. Use the following link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.johndeereclassic.com/volunteer/>. The code to sign up for Hole No. 1 is BettendorfRotary.

→**BRC's next community project:** **President Tim** recalled some of the recent projects BRC has completed for the enhancement of the community as a whole. We installed sets of chimes along a walkway in Faye's Field of the Learning Campus, planted numerous trees in city parks and along streets, and aided in community spring clean-up.

With the extensive changes occurring near City Hall as part of the new I-74 Bridge construction, Tim said, "We're doing something to commemorate Rotary and its support of the community."

He revealed a model of the 12-ft.-high sculpture that will be installed at the plaza in front of City Hall.



→**LobsterFest: Ann Kappeler** announced a meeting of the event committee immediately after today's weekly meeting.

Secretary Johanna urged any sponsors that haven't already done so to contact

her (bettendorfrotary@gmail.com) or Penny McGimpsey (pmcg0809@gmail.com) to finalize ticket and meal choice arrangements.



President Tim revealed that the capacity of the LobsterFest tent has been expanded from 320 to 400 guests. Even so, we're close to selling out the event. He is optimistic that we'll achieve our goal of earning \$100,000 to fund our many community-support activities.

We have these loyal sponsors to thank for boosting us toward that goal:

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➔ **Rotary Youth Exchange:** One family has already signed to host a student from abroad in the next Rotary Youth Exchange, **President Tim** announced.



Harry Coin, who has participated in several exchanges, including the one just now ending with Alessandro loMaestro, said hosting a student – for only three months – causes no extra financial burden, and is a wonderful experience in another culture.

To sign up, or have your questions answered, contact Harry (hgcoin@gmail.com), **Dr. Julie Meyers** (livewellqc@gmail.com) or President Tim (tim.lane@edwardjones.com).

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim Lane collected \$229 with extra amounts coming from: **Kevin Kraft** – \$\$ because he’s going to miss some meetings + happy he heard a radio ad for LobsterFest... **Larry Thein** – happy his baseball-playing 8th grade son was asked to try out as a catcher on the varsity... **Harry Coin** – his Dad, **George Coin**, was captain of his college



wrestling team... **Rick Bormann** – daughter Chloe, 18, is dating Sam Mitvalsky; they were together, driving, when her heart stopped – immediately, Sam stopped the

car, called 911 and began CPR – Chloe is OK now, and her recovery is

because of Sam’s quick action... **Frank Mitvalsky** – high praise for Chloe as a person, and as a “fighter” – happy for her return to good health... **Ann Kappeler** – at a



hunger drive for Riverbend Food Bank, she was moved by an appeal by Ally Gallagher... **Beth Clark** – 32nd wedding anniversary... **visiting Rotarian Bill Tubbs** – a week ago, was on the Iowa State campus and lost a camera – **Scott Naumann** found it and returned it, so, “Thanks” + congratulations to Tim Lane’s wife Carrie on her new position with Camanche schools... **Decker Ploehn** – given Community Hero Award by the John Deere Classic for his work in support of QC charities; later, Decker said he gave the \$1,000 prize to the First Tee organization, which teaches golf to underprivileged kids... **Lyn Cochran** – invitation to the grand opening of the Scott Community College downtown campus, at 3rd and Main streets, Davenport, 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24... **Tim Lane** – \$\$ for thanks for all of the support for LobsterFest... **Carl Loweth** – granddaughter, just graduated from high school, is going to University of Iowa... **Penny McGimpsey** and **Brent Werner** – invitation to 30th anniversary party of Werner Restoration Services, Colona, Ill., 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24; take I-80 to Rte. 6 exit (Lavender Crest Winery) and look for the Werner Restoration trailer.

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 **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “The National Anthem.”

President Tim led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops.

After introductions, Tom led the singing of “Rotary Ideals” and “Side by Side.”

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Jeff Kaczinski, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Bill Pipe, guest of **Tom Howard**
Heather Stocking, director of human relations, Bettendorf High School
Emma Aanestad, Bettendorf High School Rotary Scholarship recipient
Lilli Ambort, Bettendorf High School Rotary Scholarship recipient
Colin Smith, Pleasant Valley High School Rotary Scholarship recipient
Emily Lane, guest of **Tim Lane**
Bill Brownson

Mike Fitzgerald, Iowa State Treasurer (speaker)

Daniel Wasta, chief of staff, Iowa State Treasurer

Terry Brands, University of Iowa wrestling coach (speaker)

Michelle Brands

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 12 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.

And at the end...

... of the meeting, **Secretary Johanna** decided to award “Happy to Have a Make-up” honors to the two fathers whose kids were involved in that extraordinary incident recalled during *BRC Happy \$\$* – **Rick Bormann** and **Frank Mitvalsky**. If you haven’t read about it yet, go back and do it now. Thank the Lord this time for “right place at the right time.”



Missing today...

Arumugam, Bennett, Campion, Christopher, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Early, Eikenberry, Falk, Gallagher, Sr., Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Geordt, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kellenberger, Keith, Kook, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nanda, Nelson, Olson, Pedersen, Powell, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Simons, Slavens, Spykstra, Tombergs, Wells, Windmiller and 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

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:



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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