



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Prepping for LobsterFest with a surprise visitor...

[President Tim Lane penned this point-up for the June 6 meeting:]

You will not want to miss this week's program, as we will have a SURPRISE VISIT from a Quad City icon...



(President Tim Lane has surprisingly kept the special visit a secret, so this must be really good!)

Also, get a preview to the June 9th Bettendorf Rotary

LobsterFest, presented by TBK Bank and Abbey Carpet Gallery. As time allows, Rotarians can roll up their sleeves and help put the finishing touches on prepping Tanglewood Pavilion for next Saturday's big gala.

As always, lunch starts at 11:45, and the meeting bell will ring at 12:15.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018



Kira Braback of TBK Sports Complex describes features of the 2nd level bowling lanes

We toured new sports complex

It's vast!

Inside and out.

That's the first – and lasting – impression of the TBK Bank Sports Complex, a 75-acre sprawl of baseball and soccer playing fields surrounding a two-story combination of indoor sports venues and a family entertainment center. It modestly bills itself as “one of the largest sports complexes in the Midwest.”

While parts of the interior are still under construction, outdoor competition is happening on weekends through the summer. **Kira Brabeck**, director of marketing, who hosted us and guided our tour, said a 122-team baseball tournament will be held there this weekend.



“The last four weekends, we’ve welcomed at least 3,000 people here,” Kira said.

- Outdoors, the complex features:
- 2 lighted soccer fields – real turf
 - 10 lighted turf baseball / softball fields
 - 5 sand volleyball courts (still under construction)
 - Concession areas and
 - Parking for more than 1,500 vehicles



The mammoth building houses two facilities. High 5 Lanes & Games, the family entertainment center, comprises:

- 32 bowling lanes – 8 of them upstairs
- 65 arcade games, just around the corner from the other 24 bowling lanes
- a two-story laser tag space
- 2 escape rooms, “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea” and “Pharaoh’s Revenge,” where teams of 2-8 have an hour, after being locked inside, to solve a series of challenges
- A sports bar and a restaurant plus meeting or banquet space

- Indoor sports facilities encompass:
- An Olympic-regulation turf soccer field, which can be adapted to other team purposes
 - 8 regulation size basketball or volleyball courts – that’s 64,000 square feet of contiguous hardwood



Marketing Coordinator Kristine Nemec shows off the Diggs Bar & Grill logo in the space where sand volleyball courts are being built

- 4 sand volleyball courts – adjacent to the planned sports bar – which can be opened to give access to the 5 additional sand volleyball courts outdoors
- A team training area
- A vast (did I already mention vast?) fitness center with numerous state-of-the-art machines
- A physical therapy facility plus concessions, a retail shop and business office

When construction on all areas in the complex is finished, it will bring teams from throughout the Midwest to Bettendorf to compete year-round.

Meanwhile, some of the family entertainment center’s attractions are ready for use, and all will be available shortly. In the not-too-distant future,



Some of the arcade games just inside the entrance to High 5 Lanes & Games

planned lodging and restaurants will add to the amenities available at the site.

You can get more information – and take a virtual tour – by visiting the Website: www.tbkbankssportscomplex.com/

Announcements...

→ **John Deere Classic: Jeff Hassel**



**JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC**

updated the call for volunteers to work during the John Deere Classic, July 11-15. While the Wednesday roster is full, he said some volunteers are still needed for

Thursday-Sunday. He urged anyone with questions to contact him directly:

hassel14@gmail.com

Decker Ploehn said that BRC is one of just three organizations that have kept their position as JDC marshals – in our case, Hole No. 1 – for all 18 years the event has been at Deere’s TPC course.

On the JDC’s improved Website, use the following link to sign up as a volunteer:

<https://www.johndeereclassic.com/volunteer/>. The code to sign up for Hole No. 1 is BettendorfRotary.

→ **LobsterFest: President Tim**

announced that all 400 seats in our expanded capacity have been sold or accounted for.

→ Tim also reminded sponsors to bring their sign or banner to next week’s meeting

→ **Gwen Tombergs** said she is still looking for items to sweeten silent auction packages – she suggested gift cards or certificates of \$20 or

more or cash donations that can be used to buy “mystery items” for the Grab for Goodies; contact her directly:

gtombergs@quadcitieschamber.com

→ **Ann Kappeler** noted that all members had received an email from DocuWare Notification, titled “LobsterFest is June 9th” that contains a hot link to “Auction Book,” which details all of the silent and active auction packages – so you can plan your auction strategy, or actually enter a bid on a silent auction item.

We have these loyal sponsors to thank for their support of LobsterFest 2018:

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BRC Happy \$\$...

President Tim presided over the outpouring of joy from members, including: **Tim Lane** – his father-in-law used to own the land on which the TBK Bank Sports Complex is located... **Brad Morrison** – as you tour the facility, not the work that Riverbend Signworks has



done... **Jim Spelhaug** – announced his retirement after 29 years atop the Pleasant Valley School System, effective at the end of next school year... **Phil**

Dunbridge – has been named to the Board of the Quad City Missing Persons Network... **John DeDoncker** – welcomed the club to the sports complex that bears his bank's name

The meeting opened...

President Tim Lane called the meeting to order and said the usual order of meetings would be abbreviated. For Moments of Silence, he announced that **Brad Boeye's** mother Susan had died, and Wheelan-Pressley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements; and that **Penny McGimpsey's** mother Elaine had passed away, with services Friday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. We also remembered our troops.

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Jeff Kaczinski, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
Mark Carlson, Davenport Rotary
Glen Eakes, North Scott Rotary
Sue Maifield, Cary Grove, Ill., Rotary

Guests:

Alyssa Simons, guest of **Shawn Langan**
Nancy Campion, guest of **Joe Campion**
Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**
Crystal Doland, guest of **Will Doland**
Laurie Berkholder, IHMVCU, guest of **Kelly Love-Sherrick**
Josie Bowman, IHMVCU, guest of **Kelly Love-Sherrick**
Cara Joiner, Senior Star, guest of **Annette Martinez**
Mark Panthter, guest of **Tim Lane**

In all, 58 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 8 guests and 4 visiting Rotarians

Missing today...

Arumugam, Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Calabrese, Chambers, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Coin, G., Coin, H., Dobesh, Downing, Early, Eikenberry, Felsing, Franks, Geordt, Gross, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kellenberger, Keith, Kraft, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, McGimpsey, Mickle, Mohr, Naeve, Nanda, Naumann, Nelson, Pedersen, Powell, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Schwab, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Simons, Spykstra, Wells, Werner and Worner

Make-ups...

Shawn Langan, Iowa Quad Cities 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

Upcoming meetings... and more

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



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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