



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 25, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Yeah, the QC Storm's president is our Gwen!

When it looked as if the Quad Cities had cheered for its last home professional hockey team, two QC businessmen led the way in creating the Quad City Storm, of the Southern Professional Hockey League, which begins play later this year.



The Storm's Website says the team "is bursting with everything new – new

owners, league, name, logo, team president and first-time coach!" That president – the first woman coach in QC hockey, and in the SPHL – is our own **Gwen Tombergs**, and she's the scheduled speaker at our Aug. 1 meeting.

With a background in marketing, sales, media relations and event operations, Gwen's professional sports experience includes work with the CBA's Quad City Thunder, the ECHL's Richmond Renegades and Major League Baseball's New York Mets. To learn more, go to: <https://www.quadcitystorm.com/>.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, July 25, 2018



Literally, this is QC's life's blood

In the few years she had been working at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC), based in Davenport, **Emily Shenk-DeMay** had learned the work of her employer was important.

She was about to learn first-hand just *how* important – and her life hung in the balance. (Soon you'll read another story – from our own **Lee Marbach**.)

The pain started late on a Friday afternoon, she told members at the July 25 meeting. Typical of many people experiencing an inexplicable symptom, she decided, "I'll wait until Monday, and call a doctor then, if the pain is still there."

The pain didn't wait for the weekend to finish. It came storming back early

Saturday evening – when only Emily and her toddler son were in the house.

Finally, she said, as she lay collapsed on the living room floor, about to lose consciousness, her husband came into the house. An emergency medical technician, he dialed 911 and started aiding her.

At first, the hospital ultra-sound couldn't get a clear picture of her abdomen. "Too much blood," the emergency department explained.

At last came the diagnosis: she was having an ectopic pregnancy – and it had ruptured. She had been bleeding into her abdomen for more than a day.

After receiving transfusions of multiple units of blood – and going through a successful surgery – she awoke to see "a blood bag from my blood center hanging above me," she said. "How cool is that!" she said to her husband.

"The blood was there when I needed it," she told her audience. Emily had a complete recovery, and she gave birth to a daughter about a year later.

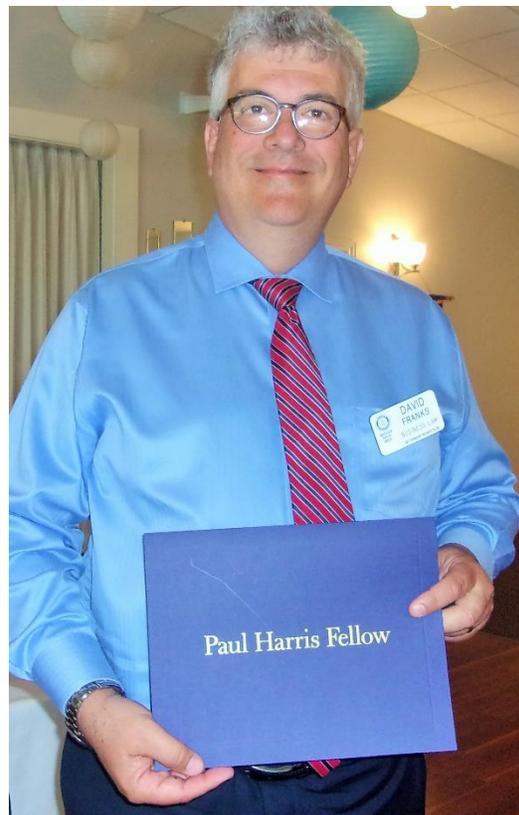
BRC's **Lee Marbach** shared his equally harrowing story – which also had a happy ending. He's a regular blood donor – 40 units on his record at MVRBC. So it was concerning when a blood test showed his hemoglobin level less than half what it should have been, he said.

Lee checked with his doctor, then went to the hospital emergency department. Endoscopic examination found a bleeding ulcer, as suspected – and a malignant tumor of a type that was rare for a patient his age. Lee received multiple units of blood before the surgery to take care of both problems.

Now, more than a year later, Lee is again a regular blood donor.

MVRBC provides blood products and services to 88 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. Its Davenport headquarters handles testing, processing and primary distribution of more than 250,000 units of blood components each year. More than 4 million people live in the Blood Center's service region, and donors give more than 180,000 donations each year.

Blood supplies dwindle during summers, so donors are urgently needed, Emily said. To make an appointment, call 563-359-5401 – or, from anywhere in the U.S.: 800-747-5401.



Presentation...

➔**Paul Harris Fellow: Dave Franks** received the first Paul Harris Fellow pin – signifying he has donated his first

\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation – from **S.K. Nanda**. Still reveling in his experiences at the Rotary International Convention, **President Bill Daley** commented on the “Billions of \$\$ of good” the Foundation does to help people around the world.

Announcements...

→ **Rotary Youth Exchange: Dr. Julie Meyers** again asked for volunteers to provide a 3-month home-stay for the coming school year’s RYE student – Juan, 17, from Quito, Ecuador – who will attend Pleasant Valley High School. The oldest of three siblings, Juan likes BMX biking in his leisure time, Julie reported. Juan needs two host homes – for winter (about Thanksgiving-February 2019) and for spring (February until the school year ends). To open your home to Juan, or for more info, contact Julie (livewellqc@gmail.com) or **Harry Coin** (hgcoin@gmail.com).

→ **BRC Golf Outing:** Calling attention to the flyers at each table, **Dean Kraus** invited members to sign up for the BRC annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, Sept. 19, or to sponsor a hole. Golf fee is \$60 per player (member or guest), or \$240 per foursome. Hole sponsorship is just \$100 – Dean urged last year’s sponsors to repeat, and he asked new sponsors this year to commit soon, so there’s time to prepare their sign. First tee-time is 11:22 a.m. After



social time at 5, dinner of grilled steak, chicken or salmon begins at 6 – members dine free and guests eat for just \$10.

Contact **Larry Thein** (larry@larrythein.com) or Dean (dkraus@saukvalleybank.com) to sign up foursomes – or to sponsor a hole.

→ **Rotary Night at Modern Woodmen Park:** Three dozen Bettendorf Rotarians turned out to socialize with other QC Rotarians and watch a River Bandits game last Thursday, **President Bill** reported. More than a hundred from among the QC’s dozen clubs were there, he added. Half of the \$8 general admission ticket price went to benefit The Miracle Field project.

BRC Happy \$\$...

These Bettendorf Rotarians told everyone why they’re happy this week: **Dave Franks** – his son Isaac – his guest today – is home after working to help a village in Nepal recover from an earthquake... **Tom Kook** – 20th wedding anniversary... **John Sherrick** – home after a week at a Minnesota lake with two grandkids... and their parents... **Steve Pieart** – celebrating wife’s birthday by attending a play in Chicago... **Ron Crist** – enjoyed vacation in Colorado with his son... **Dick Schillig** – 40 days to Run with Carl on Labor day – the early-registration discount ends next Wednesday... **Greg Blaske** – \$\$ by way of apology to non-member marshaling with him at JDC – because he abandoned him (but it was unintentional, he assured us)... **Craig Windmiller** – 40th wedding anniversary + kudos to **Ron Crist** for excellent work on his car... **Megan Early** – happy to have husband and son here as her guests... **Steve Sorenson** – still so happy about his daughter’s wedding that he tossed in his last \$5 bill.

The meeting opened...



The bell rang and **President Bill** called the meeting to order. He led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, with piano accompaniment by **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Bill led

the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned that **Jennifer Naeve** soon will receive treatment at the Mayo Clinic, and we remembered our troops and community members in need of special support. After introductions, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Smile – and the World Smiles with You.”

Secretary Johanna Smith reported...

Visiting Rotarian:

Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary
Emily Shenk-DeMay, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (speaker) and Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Isaac Franks, guest of **Dave Franks**
Eli Early, guest of **Megan Early**
Ryan Early, guest of **Megan Early**

In all, 45 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 4 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.

Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Campion, Chambers, Christopher, Clark, Coin, H., Coin G., Dobesh, Dunbridge, Fair, Felsing, Gallagher,

Sr, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Goerd, Hassel, Higgs, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Loweth, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, O'Brien, Paplinski, Pedersen, Ploehn, Powell, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Simons, Slavens, Spelhaug, Spykstra, Tombergs, Werner, Wright



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **John DeDoncker** 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* \$\$.

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
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Aug. 1: Our own
Gwen Tombergs: all
about the brand-new
QC Storm hockey team
Sept. 12: District 6000
Governor Tom Narak
and his wife Carol will
visit Bettendorf Rotary
Sept. 19: No meeting –
BRC's Annual Golf
Outing & Steak Fry at

Palmer Hills Golf Course

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