



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 8, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Braking Traffik takes on human trafficking crime

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that has become more serious in the Quad Cities because of our location along Interstate 80. Victims of this crime “are subjected by force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex, debt bondage or forced labor.” It is a felony in both Iowa and Illinois.

Cathy O’Keefe is director of Braking Traffik, a program of Family Resources of the Quad-Cities, and she is the scheduled speaker at our Aug. 15 meeting.

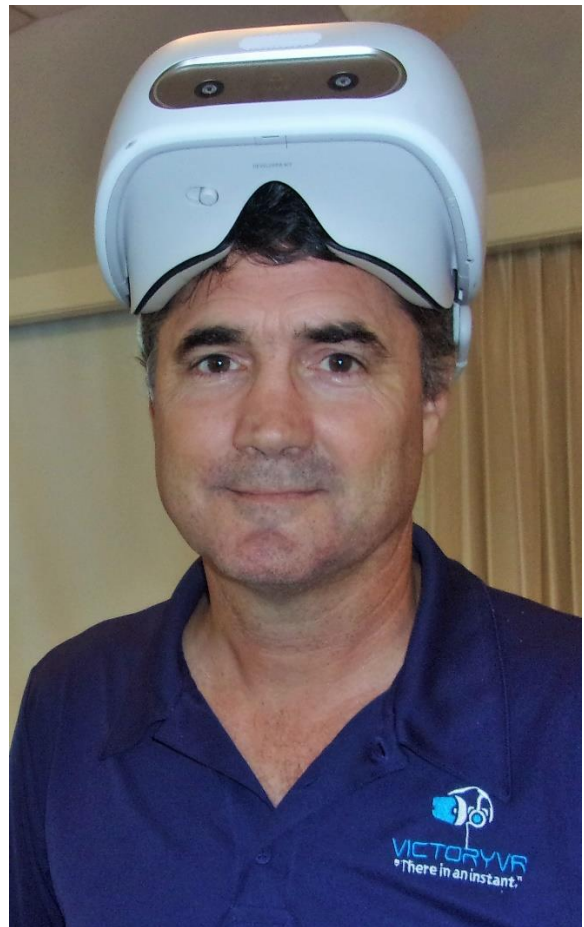
She said human trafficking can happen to anybody at any time, and only through awareness and education, communities locally and across the country can do a better job of identifying the problem and helping victims.

Braking Traffik was founded by Maggie Tinsman in 2008. In 2011, the nonprofit began growing under the leadership of Cathy O’Keefe.



Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018



VR center grows in Davenport

“Paradigm.”

Davenport entrepreneur **Steve Grubbs** – guest speaker at our Aug. 8 meeting – gave the word a new meaning this summer when he launched Paradigm, a virtual reality, or VR, gaming center, at 320 E. 2nd St. in downtown Davenport.

Now, “this Friday,” Steve said, Paradigm is launching another aspect of the firm’s technology, which he hopes will help establish Davenport as a VR center.

“When people think of this technology I want them to think of Iowa,” he said, listing some existing high-tech centers around the country – “Silicon Valley, Boston and agri-tech” elsewhere in Iowa.

With the launch this week, part of Paradigm becomes an esports “arena,” where teams from Augustana College, St. Ambrose University, the University of Iowa and other colleges can compete.

A key feature of that facility is “free-roam VR” – players can move freely within the virtual game of which they are a part, instead of being restricted by being tethered to a computer.

The company already has established itself as a VR Curriculum Company, he said, with some 48 “units” developed with a teacher in the Davenport school system. Those units make it possible, for example, for a squeamish student to experience the virtual dissection of a frog in a biology class with all of the detail of actually being there and doing it.

Steve said that same approach could be used to instruct medical students in a virtual autopsy with all of the intricacies of human anatomy at an actual autopsy. Any company could adapt the concept to take a new employee on a virtual tour of its facilities, or virtually “walk them through” training.

Steve sees his multi-faceted VR company as something more than a gaming, esports or educational entity – he envisions it as an amenity to draw Millennials to the community. In a small way that’s already happening, he said: he has hired VR programmers from around the country. “They love living in downtown Davenport (lofts),” he said. “They think it’s cool.”

Announcements...

➔**BRC at the Pops: Tim Lane** publicized the Riverfront Pops concert Saturday, Aug. 18, at Davenport’s Le Claire Park.



QUAD CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MARK RUSSELL SMITH, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

Quad City Bank & Trust presents “Pet Sounds Live: a Beach Boys Celebration.” The music starts at 6:30 p.m. with a pre-show by the QC Youth Symphony Orchestra. The QCSO’s Beach Boys homage begins an hour later, with Jeffrey Reed as guest conductor.

Tickets are \$20. Bettendorf Rotary will provide reserved seating space for members and their guests.

➔**BRC Golf Outing: Larry Thein**



urged members to sign up on one of the forms scattered at tables for the BRC’s annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, Sept. 19 – it replaces the regular meeting. Members could sign up to play golf or grab dinner – and bring a guest (or more) for any of the above. Golf fee is \$60 per player (member or guest). Hole sponsorship is just \$100. First golf tee time is 11:22 a.m. Social time begins at 5 p.m. with dinner of grilled steak, chicken or salmon at 6 – members dine free and guests eat for just

\$10. Contact **Larry Thein** (larry@larrythein.com) or **Dean Kraus** (dkraus@saukvalleybank.com) to sign up foursomes, to sponsor a hole or to make dinner reservations.

➔ **Polio Plus update: President Bill**



Daley announced that the Rotary International donation goal toward the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the planet is \$50 million – which will be matched by \$100

million from the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation. He said 13 new cases have been reported so far this year in the countries where polio is endemic – 3 in Pakistan and 10 in Afghanistan. Some scattered individual cases have been seen elsewhere in Asia and in Africa. Inoculation campaigns are planned in the countries affected.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill collected \$143 with more than the usual amount coming from these happy folks: **Mike Simons** – wife’s cousins in East Moline are OK after a fire at their home... **Jim Spelhaug** – after time away, proud papa bragging just a little about daughters’ roles in Pleasant Valley HS winning the state softball championship... **Ann Kappeler** – after vacation (?) driving 3,500 miles in 7 states, happy to see grandson do well in PGA Junior national championship... **Decker Ploehn** – striping on newly paved Middle Road will be fixed... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – a wedding in the family this weekend: *his* [Congratulations!]

The meeting opened...

Guest speaker Steve Grubbs rang the bell, and **President Bill** called the

meeting to order before leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Gail Baldwin**, led the singing of “God Bless America.” Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned that **Scott Naumann**’s father-in-law is recovering after a heart attack, **Dr. Julie Meyers**’ family in California is safe (with all of the fires in the state), **Jennifer Naeve** continues to recover after treatment at the Mayo Clinic, and **Brad Morrison** has undergone eye surgery. After introductions, Tom and Gail returned to lead the singing of “That Rotary Wheel” and “This Land Is Your Land.”

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary
Dougal Nelson, Moline Rotary
Terry Westbrook, East Moline Rotary

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Steve Grubbs, speaker
Shelly Dellitt, Martin Bros. Distributing
(**Scott Naumann** guest)

In all, 47 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 3 visiting Rotarians.



Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Campion, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Coin, H., DeDoncker, Dunbridge, Early, Fair, Franks, Gause, Goerdt, Gross, Hanzelka, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Keith, Kellenberger, Kraus,

Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, O'Brien, Olson, Pedersen, Powell, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schneden, Scranton, Tombergs, Werner, Windmiller and Wright



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Ann Kappeler** 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 **Scott Naumann**, scottn@midlandcom.com, 445-4260:



Aug. 15: Braking Traffik – anti-human trafficking

Saturday, Aug. 18: QCSO concert "Pet Sounds Live: a Beach Boys Celebration" at Davenport's Le Claire Park.

Aug. 22: Scott Community College

Bash and Foundation

Aug. 29: President Bill Daley: Club Assembly

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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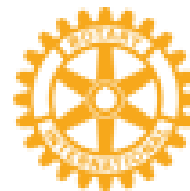
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