



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Gary Mohr to comment on legislative session

The 2018 session of the Iowa legislature went 18 days past its planned 100-day session. It finally adjourned on May 5. It was a record for overtime sessions when one party controls both houses of the legislature and the governor’s office.



At the Sept. 5 meeting, our own **State Sen. Gary Mohr** will give us his thoughts on the session and how its new laws will impact Iowans.

At the time of adjournment, it was said the biggest reason for the delay was the difficulty House and Senate Republicans had agreeing on a new tax plan. It will gradually phase in tax reductions over six years, hiking its eventual price tag to \$2.8 billion. The final reductions in taxes will happen in 2023 and 2024 if economic triggers are met.

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018



Bill announces inspiring goals

In the Club Assembly at the Aug. 29 meeting, **President Bill Daley** evoked some priorities of Rotary International Pres. Barry Rassin and District 6000 Gov. Tom Narak as he described his agenda for Bettendorf Rotary during his 2018-19 presidency.

Echoing RI President Barry’s theme, “Be the Inspiration,” President Bill urged all Rotarians to “try to inspire someone each day.” He underscored that theme by committing to at least one inspirational program each month; “I think we’ve been doing that already,” he added.

Rotary International has been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio world-wide, and Bill continued BRC’s commitment to that effort. Internationally, Rotary and its partners have “reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since our first

project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979,” my.rotary.org reports. “Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries,” the Website says.

Thanks to that effort, only about a dozen new cases of polio were reported last year – world-wide, Bill reported.

In setting his priorities for BRC, Bill underscored the club’s commitment to Quad-City community service projects. He listed projects in Bettendorf led by his recent predecessors: art in public sites, such as parks and, soon, City Hall; bike racks along the Duck Creek recreation trail; coats (and other warm clothing) for kids; planting trees in city parks and along its streets; and Harmony Park at Faye’s Field.

He announced this year’s new project in service to the community: support for the Agape Center, on the edge of Devils Glen Park, which distributes food and clothing to those in need. This year BRC has budgeted \$10,000 to enlarge a deck and install a concrete pad at the center to help facilitate deliveries to the center.

Looking to the whole QC community, Bill lauded working with other Rotarians – such as joining the project with Davenport, Rock Island and Moline clubs to beautify the QC’s “first home,” the Col. Davenport House on Arsenal Island.

BRC’s support of the handicapped-accessible “Miracle Field” project is another example of service to the whole QC community.



Members of the 2018-19 Board introduced themselves and some of their priorities

Bill praised the leap in fundraising at this year’s LobsterFest – BRC’s leading money-maker, which since 2007 has made more than \$320,000 in scholarships and grants to nonprofit organizations throughout this community (and occasionally beyond). Its success, he added, enables BRC to budget funds to continue commitment to such community projects as Project Jack / Pay It Forward – which enables elementary-school pupils in both Bettendorf school systems to find and carry out philanthropic projects in their neighborhoods.

President Bill also vowed to help raise awareness of Rotary – both BRC and Rotary in general. Besides promoting greater use of social media, and mass media, he said BRC would buy T-shirts that proclaim, “Rotarian at Work,” for members to wear while doing projects in the community.

In summary, Bill listed his goals as:

- Continuing to grow the membership
- Adding to the successes of LobsterFest
- Supporting international projects
- Contributing to, and raising awareness of, the PolioPlus campaign
- Continuing the tradition of great programs at meetings
- Increasing QC multi-club collaboration



Announcements...



→ **Rotary Youth Exchange: President Bill** asked **Dr. Julie Meyers** to introduce this year's Rotary Youth Exchange student. Actually, he did it himself: **Juan Carillo** from Ecuador, who told us he is 17 years old and spending this year as a senior at Pleasant Valley High School.

→ **BRC Golf Outing: Dean Kraus** said there's still room for four or five foursomes to play at BRC's annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills on Wednesday, Sept. 19 – which replaces the regular meeting. He urged members who have not yet signed up for the steak-fry to do so – “We need a good count for the food,” he explained. To sign up for golf – by the Sept. 12 deadline – contact **Larry Thein** (larry@larrythein.com) or **Dean Kraus** (dkraus@saukvalleybank.com).

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill collected \$232 with special amounts from these members who had reasons to be happy: **Dick Schillig** – just 5 days until Run with Carl on Labor Day, and Dick informed us of the “snooze option” – anyone who isn't already registered for an event can still



participate by going to the RWC Website and clicking the “snooze option” to buy a RWC T-shirt... **Tim Lane** – reacting to **President Bill**'s steak-fry comment, said, “The rare steak joke was well-done”... **Joe Pacha** – son was married last weekend in Des Moines... **Tony Calabrese** – happy to have had a good pilot flying home through choppy weather... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – thanks to Susan Coin for helping out with Youth Exchange student Juan... **John Rabine** – good to be back after absence... **Frank Mitvalsky** – also happily returned after a 3-day, 2-night canoe trip in Colorado... **Penny McGimpsey** – invitation to the St. George's Greek Orthodox “Big Fat Greek Festival” at the church, 2930 31st Ave., Rock Island, 3-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The meeting opened...

At the tolling of the bell, **President Bill** called the meeting to order, greeted the assembled throng and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Tewanta Lopez**, returned after a summer absence, led the singing of “God Bless America.” Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops. After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of 2 verses of “R-O-T-A-R-Y” and “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah.”

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarian:

Don Sierk, North Scott Rotary

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist

Susan Coin

Juan Carillo

Mike Ingelby

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



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Frank Mitvalsky** 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...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Campion, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Coin, H., DeDoncker, Doland, Dunbridge, Early, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Gause, Goerd, Gross, Hassel, Hutcheson, Keith, Kraft, Larsen, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Pedersen, Powell, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schwab, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, Tombergs, Werner, Windmiller, and Worner

Make-ups...

Harry Coin, Iowa Quad Cities and Quad Cities Illinois Rotaries
Dick Schillig, Lake Ozark Daybreak 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:



Sept. 5: Our own **State Sen. Gary Mohr**: his thoughts on the 2018 Iowa Legislative session

Sept. 12: District 6000 **Gov. 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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