



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept 5, 2018, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Gov. Tom Narak to visit

District 6000 **Gov. Tom Narak** and his wife Carol will visit Bettendorf Rotary next Wednesday.

Tom and Carol are both members of the West Des Moines Rotary. He is a past president of that club and the Indianola, Iowa, club. Earlier, he was a member of the Schuyler, Neb., Rotary. Over their years as Rotarians they have hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students, from countries including India, Mexico,

Norway, Taiwan and Brazil.

They retired in 2011 from careers in education. Tom was superintendent of West Des Moines schools, and Carol taught in the Norwalk, Iowa, school system. He taught middle school science

before being the principal at elementary, middle and high schools in Nebraska and Iowa. Tom directed government relations for the School Administrators of Iowa 2011-17. Married 47 years, they have 3 adult children, 5 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.



Last meeting:

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Inside legislative budget process

After two years as the representative from Iowa House District 94, our own **State Sen. Gary Mohr** gave members at the Sept. 5 meeting a “look behind the curtain” to learn details of the legislative budgeting process.

Since his election two years ago, Gary has given Bettendorf and eastern Davenport a voice on a handful of important House committees: Commerce, Ways & Means, Economic Growth, Transportation and Education.

Before tracing the process of crafting the state's budget, Gary summarized Iowa's 2019 general fund budget of \$7.48 billion – which the legislature finished shortly before its May adjournment:

→Education (K-12, state universities and community colleges) \$4.03 billion, or about 60% of the budget – “about a 1% increase to Iowa's 330 public school districts,” Gary said, adding Iowa's state universities are the least expensive in their respective conferences.

→Medicaid and mental health \$1.34 billion (the largest share going to the three private companies that manage Iowa's Medicaid – up about 7.5% yearly)

→Other Department of Human Services programs \$405 million

→Corrections \$382 million

→Property tax credits of \$478 million, which reimburse local governments for funds they lose in the legislature's tax cuts enacted this past session

→The rest of state government \$848 million



“How do we come up with these numbers?” Gary asked rhetorically.

The process begins with a revenue estimate from the three-member Revenue Estimating Council. The legislature

names one member, the governor the second and the two government entities jointly name the third REC member. The panel members have been the same for several years, Gary said.

The legislature begins planning based on the REC's September revenue estimate, he explained. Its December estimate is the basis for the lawmakers' report to Iowa's school districts of how much state money they'll get for the next year. When the REC's March estimate came out, it was many millions of dollars lower, causing disrupted plans in school systems across Iowa.

When the REC misses estimates by so much, “I wish the system were different,” Gary lamented. “But how do you accurately factor in” the impact of tariffs on commodity prices, the effect of drought on farm income, federal tax cuts linked to tax deductibility in Iowa taxes and other issues, he added.

Announcements...

→**Invite a prospect:** As presidents have for several terms, **President Bill Daley** asked members with September birthdays to invite a friend who is a prospective member to be their guest at a meeting.

→**International project:** Past-president **Tim Lane** asked for volunteers to serve with him on the International Service committee. Our club budgets seed money for such a project each year, he said, noting that projects in Haiti, Nicaragua and Tanzania had been proposed.



→**BRC Golf Outing:** **Larry Thein** said 10 foursomes have signed up, but “there's still room for two or three more” to play at BRC's annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills on Wednesday, Sept. 19 – replacing the regular meeting. A few sponsorships are also still available. He

urged members to sign up for the steak-fry – to ensure an accurate count. To sign up for golf – by the Sept. 12 deadline – contact **Larry** (larry@larrythein.com) or the event co-chair **Dean Kraus** (dkraus@saukvalleybank.com).

➔ **Looking ahead to LobsterFest 2019:** As a long-familiar voice began singing in the background, **Ann Kappeler** announced one of the prizes that's sure to attract bidders at next June's fundraiser / crustacean feast: four tickets to Paul McCartney's June 11, 2019, concert at the TaxSlayer Center.

➔ **'Perfect' members:** At last week's Club Assembly, **President Bill** recognized these members for having achieved perfect attendance at weekly meetings the preceding year: **Fred Anderson, Johanna Blevins, Bill Daley, Carol Foster, Tom Howard, Tim Lane, S.K. Nanda and Ken Vandersnick.**

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill collected \$172 with special amounts from these happy members: **Beth Clark** – The Big Brothers Big Sisters "over the edge" fundraiser brought in \$107,000 + her son's birthday... **Scott Naumann** – "107... that's about how many meetings I've missed... **Jim Spelhaug** – lauding the 24th Run with Carl event on Labor

Day... **Dick Schillig** – "a nice turnout for RWC – and rain stayed away" – thanks to the school systems for taking it over – 362 days to RWC-25 on Sept. 2, 2019... **Dr. Tom Olson** – after he lamented he was running out of puns, some unsuspecting



member sent him 27 new ones; example: a Buddhist dental patient refused anesthetic, saying he practiced "transcend-dental meditation"... **Penny McGimpsey** – last Thursday, as she ran her daily three miles, she said the tune to "R-O-T-A-R-Y" kept running through her head.



The meeting opened...

... with a ringing of the bell and a call to order by **President Bill**, who led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Tewanta Lopez** led the singing of "This Is My Country." Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we remembered our troops and friends who need some extra support.

After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of 2 verses of "A Helping Hand," "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" (with the River Bandits entering the playoffs) and "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians." In September those are: 9, **Todd Larsen**; 12, **Kurt Lokenvitz**; 17, **Jared Powell**; 24, **Dick Paplinski**; 25, **Brian Goerd**, and, 29, **Harry Coin**. (We all got yummy bars to help them celebrate.)



Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Brent Scogland, guest of **Dean Kraus**
Tina Cunningham, guest of **George Coin**
Jeff Doty, Boy Scouts of America
Tom Carver, Asbury Methodist Church,
guest of **Tom Howard**

In all, 56 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Jim Spelhaug** 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...

Bennett, Boeye, Campion, Christopher, Cochran, Coin, H., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Dunbridge, Fair, Franks, Gause, Goerd, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Keith, Langan, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Paplinski, Pedersen, Powell, Rabine, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Slavens, Tombergs, Wells, Windmiller, Worner and Wright

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**, scottnaumann@msn.com, 563-505-7953:



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Sept. 19: No meeting – **BRC’s Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry** at Palmer Hills Golf Course

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