



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept. 12, 2018, issue

Next meetings:

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018
Palmer Hills Golf Course

Let's play some golf!

Bettendorf Rotary Club's annual Golf Outing tees off late the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Palmer Hills Golf Course. After a number of foursomes have spent the afternoon chasing little white balls, they, other BRC members and their guests will gather under the pavilion for a steak fry, with happy hour beginning at 5:30.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

SAU president to speak



Joan Lescinski, president of St. Ambrose University, is the scheduled speaker at our Sept. 26 meeting. Sister Joan, CLJ PhD, has been the Davenport university's president – its 13th – since August 2007.

She is a member of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Regional Opportunities Council and the Putnam Museum Board of Trustees. In 2011 she received the Athena Award for leadership from the Women's Connection of the Quad Cities.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018



Gov. Tom Narak reveals priorities

In a comfortably informal session (“I sensed it would be OK not to wear a tie here.”) District 6000 **Gov. Tom Narak** set out his agenda and the top goals of Rotary International President Barry Rassin in his remarks at the Sept. 12 meeting.

Tom and his wife Carol met with the BRC Board before the weekly lunch meeting. After the earlier meeting, he commented, “Great club, great leaders and an annual fundraiser (LobsterFest) that helps you do great things for your community and the world.”

After bringing greetings from the RI president, Tom said he shares three of his top priorities:

→**Sustainability of Rotary.** “We need to attract young members,” he said, noting how well BRC is succeeding at that effort. “We need to bring in more members than just replacing the natural attrition” through retirement, relocation and other such changes. Besides urging members to bring guests to meetings to acquaint them with Rotary, he said:

→**Rotaract Clubs.** Some “27% of District 6000 clubs sponsor Rotaract Clubs” – where youthful volunteers learn more about Rotary and carry out projects, but are not full, dues-paying Rotary members. “They’re an excellent recruitment tool,” Tom commented.

→**Sustainability of the Earth.** “It’s just common sense,” he said, “to do all we can to preserve our planet for future generations.”

After sharing some thoughts about service and community gleaned from their careers as educators in Iowa and Nebraska – and Rotary membership, Carol and Tom elaborated on Tom’s top priorities for the remainder of his year as District 6000’s top Rotarian:

→**Literacy.** With decades-long careers in the classroom and school administration, it’s natural that they should emphasize this fundamental skill: “Every child must know how to read by 3rd grade,” or risk falling behind for life.

→**Child-abuse prevention.** Rotary’s District 6000 has partnered with Iowa’s child-abuse prevention organization. The most important gift we can give to a child is the ability to read, Tom commented, and child abuse decreases as literacy increases.

→**PolioPlus.** “We’re so close” to eradicating polio world-wide, Tom said.



Only 15 cases have been recorded this year, he reported, all in Afghanistan or Pakistan. He thanked RBC for its financial support for Rotary’s efforts and urged us to donate more; he noted these opportunities to raise funds and focus on the fight to eradicate polio:

→World Polio Day, Oct. 24

→District 6000 Ride for Polio, the week of Nov. 11: “You can ride, walk – and pledge.”

Tom urged BRC members to:

→Attend the District 6000 Conference, May 2-4, 2019, at the West Dec Moines Sheraton, and

→Support the district’s ongoing health-related international projects – in Guatemala doing surgery to fix cleft palates, and in Mexico Rotary’s Action Group to correct the feet of children with club-foot.

Announcements...

→**BRC Golf Outing: Larry Thein** said, “There’s still room for more foursomes” to play at BRC’s annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills next Wednesday, Sept. 19 – replacing the regular meeting. A few sponsorships are also still available – but there’s an absolute deadline of Friday,

Sept. 14, for sponsors to get a sign made. After golf, happy hour will run 5:30-6:30



with the steak-fry to follow. To sign up for golf, sponsorship or the steak-fry, contact **Larry** (larry@larrythein.com) or the event co-chair **Dean Kraus** (dkraus@saukvalleybank.com).

➔**Dictionaries:** **Mike Raso** announced he was sending a signup list around for members to pick a 4th-grade classroom to distribute dictionaries. Bettendorf Rotary continues its many-years-long program of giving a personal dictionary to every 4th grader in every school – public and private – in the city. Distribution of the dictionaries will begin Oct. 15, he said.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill collected \$262 with more than minimal \$\$ coming from: **Dick Schillig** – 354 days to the 25th Run with Carl... **Phil Dunbridge** – lauded Rivermont's recruiting success, including two Afghan refugee brothers + happy the Red Sox clinched their division...

Russell Wright – happy that a niece fighting leukemia has had a successful transplant... **Bill Daley** – glad Gov. **Tom Narak** is with us today... **Tim Lane** – promoted Alzheimer's fundraising walk this weekend – "see me to make a pledge," he said... **Penny McGimpsey** – leaving Werner Restoration to take over ad sales for two locally owned radio

stations... **Brett Goodmundson** – his brother was married last weekend... **Lizzy Coin** (**Harry's** daughter) – happy to be here with Grandpa **George Coin** – who said he's happy and proud of her (a student at his *alma mater*, Northwestern) and her Aunt Jennifer, also George's guest... **Larry Thein** – son, who plays baseball at DeWitt High School, elected to its homecoming court... **Mike Simons** – 35th wedding anniversary.

The meeting opened...

... with a ringing of the bell and **President Bill** calling the meeting to order. He led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by pianist **Tewanta Lopez** led the singing of "God Bless America." Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence; we remembered our troops, said prayers for families that have suffered suicide and offered support for those in the path of Hurricane Florence. We also learned that **Tracy Naab's** cousin is ill and **Brent Werner's** Werner Restoration Services is headed toward the hurricane. After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of "Sing, Everyone, Sing!" and, in honor of District 6000 **Gov. Tom Narak's** visit, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."



Missing today...

Ashby, Blaske, Boeye, Bormann, Chambers, Christopher, Cochran, Coin, H., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Early, Fair, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Goerd, Gross, Hassel, Hutcheson, Keith, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Morrison, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, Paplinski, Pedersen, Pieart, Ploehn, Powell, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Saul, Scranton, Shea, Slavens, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Spykstra,

Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller, and
Worner

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Tom Narak, District 6000 governor
Carol Narak, District 6000 governor's wife
Gary Loss, assistant. District 6000 governor
Jeff Doty, Boy Scouts of America
Bill Tubbs, District 6000 public relations

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Teresa Werner, Werner Restoration, guest of
Penny McGimpsey
Jennifer Coin, guest of **George Coin**
Lizzy Coin, guest of **George Coin**

In all, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and
were joined by 4 guests and 5 visiting
Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today,
Phil Dunbridge 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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Sept. 19: No meeting –
**BRC's Annual Golf
Outing & Steak Fry** at
Palmer Hills Golf
Course

Sept. 26: Sister **Joan
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