



**THE
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Inside the Mollie Tibbetts case with top DCI agent

Rick Rahn, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent who was in charge of the **Mollie Tibbetts** murder investigation, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at our Oct. 3 meeting.



When the University of Iowa student vanished from an evening jog in Brooklyn, Iowa, in mid-July, it attracted national media attention.

Slightly more than a month later, her body was found in a cornfield a few miles away.

The young man who was arrested and charged with her murder was discovered to have false identity documents, which caused the case to be cited briefly in the national debate on immigration.

This is a rare opportunity for BRC members to “get inside” such a prominent news story soon after it happened.

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SAU grows to meet QC needs

By “keeping its finger on the pulse” of the QC community and its needs, St. Ambrose University has changed in a number of ways in recent years, said **Joan Lescinski**, its president since 2007, speaking at our Sept. 26 meeting. Sister Joan, CLJ PhD, described “some of the things going on” at the Davenport university:

➔ **Academics:** Always strong in business education, SAU has expanded to offer more business-related majors and graduate-degree programs. In health sciences, St. Ambrose filled the gap left

in nursing education in the QC when Marycrest College closed, and since then has become recognized in physical and occupational therapy, physician assistant education and other health majors. “We now have more than 500 applicants a year for (the PA) program,” she said.

Still keeping that finger on the pulse, she said SAU added degrees and courses in industrial and mechanical engineering, cyber security and business sales in response to requests from local business and manufacturing employers.

➔**Geographic reach:** St. Ambrose was founded in 1882 as a business school for men and the seminary for the Diocese of Davenport. Over succeeding decades it gradually expanded curricula, but drew students primarily from eastern Iowa and northern Illinois. By the presidency of Sister Joan’s predecessor, Edward Rogalski (1987-2007), St. Ambrose had become a university and began widening its aim. Now “we’re recruiting all over the country,” with more emphasis on the U.S. South and West, as well as the Midwest, she said. The student body also has more of an international accent, growing from six students 20 years ago to 146 this year – and many study-abroad opportunities, she added.

➔**Campus expansion:** Since Sister Joan became president, SAU has added the Center for Health Sciences Education at Genesis Medical Center West Central Park, downtown Davenport classroom space, the Wellness and Recreation Center on campus and the first phases of a sports complex it shares with Assumption High School.

➔**Sports:** Along with that sports facility, SAU has added competition in new sports: bowling, lacrosse, “and, this year, e-sports,” Sister Joan said.

To expand opportunities further for its students, St. Ambrose has joined the consortium of all QC higher education institutions. “Together we can offer more than each of us singly,” she said.



Induction of new member...

➔**Michelle Calabrese:** S.K. Nanda inducted a long-time volunteer at BRC’s LobsterFest, **Michelle Calabrese**. On the staff of Weerts Funeral Home, she and her husband **Tony** are parents of a 23-year-old son, Anthony.

Announcements...

➔**BRC Golf Outing:** Rain cut the BRC’s Golf Outing down to 13 holes, event co-chair **Larry Thein** reported, but the 11 teams of golfers who played had fun and those who came for the steak fry afterward enjoyed the meal. Eighteen sponsors signed on to support the event.

Here are the golf flight winners:

Honorable mention (high score): Felsing, Pieart, Paris, Bicknese – 52 even par

Flight “C” winners: Simons, Kendall, Sheffield, Andy – 50 won cardback 2 under par



Rain shortened the golf, but skies cleared for the steak fry, which George Coin and S.K. Nanda enjoyed

Flight “B” winners: Thein, Thein, Gwin, Clifton – 48 won cardback 4 under

Flight “A” winners: Ploehn, Falk, Pacha, McCool – 42, 10 under par

Pin event winners:

Men’s long drive: No. 2 – Art Kitzman

Women’s long drive: No. 5 – Barbara Kitzman

Longest putt: No. 9 – “Chopper”

Men’s closest to pin: No. 13 – Mike McCool

Women’s closest to pin: No. 17 – Bill Daley [That’s not a misprint: **Tim “Chopper” Shea**, as a joke, entered **President Bill** as a woman, so...]

Thanks to these **Hole sponsors:**

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Thanks again to co-chair organizers

Larry Thein and **Dean Kraus**.

Grant application deadline extended:

Jeff Hassel said there had been a glitch in the link on the BRC Website where applicants could ask to be considered for a grant this year. The glitch has been fixed, thanks to **Harry Coin**, Jeff said, and the deadline has been extended to Nov. 1. “So, tell any non-profit organization that wants to be considered for a grant to apply again – just to make sure we get all their information,” Jeff said. A news release will go out soon, he added. Anyone with questions can contact him: hassel14@gmail.com.

➔**Service projects:** **Larry O’Brien** said the date and time for our service project – planting shrubs around the Col. Davenport House on Arsenal Island – is set for 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. He asked for at least a dozen volunteers to sign up. More details will be coming later.



Looking ahead to projects that can promote Rotary to the whole community, BRC is communicating with all QC clubs to identify additional projects.



With that in mind, **President Bill** urged every member to enter his or her T-shirt size on the list at registration – so the club can order a “Rotarian at Work” shirt for every member to wear while working on projects.

➔**Dictionaries:** Saying, “This is a great service to the community,” **Jim Spelhaug** urged volunteers to sign up to give out dictionaries in the remaining 4th-grade classrooms. In mid-October Bettendorf Rotary will give a personal dictionary to every 4th grader in every school – public and private – in the city.

Member survey: **Carol Foster** called attention to the survey of member interests and suggestions on each table, and asked each member to fill it out and hand it to her.



BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill collected **\$174** from members – especially those who had reasons for happiness: **Joe Pacha** – “43rd anniversary” of his 29th birthday... **Tim Lane** – moved into a house on the river... **Ann Kappeler** – attended Western Big 6 golf tournament, where her grandson’s team finished co-champs... **Harry Coin** – after a long, time-consuming project in Rock Island, he’s happy to be back... **John DeDoncker** – happy with successful TBK QC Marathon... [NOTE: At this point, your editor paused to sign up to hand out dictionaries, so he missed some happy news. If your news should be here, but it isn’t, email him and see it in next week’s issue.] **Penny McGimpsey** – thanks to **Ann Kappeler** and **Gwen Tombergs** for a delightful shrimp boil, which the McGimpseys purchased at the LobsterFest... **Jim Slavens** – who purchased his Mississippi River boat ride at LobsterFest?... **Scott Naumann** – after missing some meetings during training for his new job, “It’s good to be back.”

The meeting opened...

The bell rang out, **President Bill** called the meeting to order, and he led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Scott Naumann**’s multi-talented laptop,

led the patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.” Bill returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we honored our troops and Quad-City neighbors who are in special need of support. After introductions, Tom returned to lead the singing of “The Four-Way Test” and “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.”



Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarian

Jeff Doty, Boy Scouts

Guests:

Sister Joan Lescinski, St. Ambrose University, speaker
 Juan Carillo, exchange student
 Mel Galvez, **Ada Christopher** guest

In all, 46 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 1 visiting Rotarian and 3 guests.



Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Clark, Cochran, Crist, Dobesh, Doland, Early, Fair, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher Sr., Gallagher Jr., Naab, Naeve, Nelson, Olson, Paplinski, Pedersen, Pieart, Ploehn, Powell, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Spykstra, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller, Worner, Wright and Yoder

Make-ups...

Charities Board: **Sharon Sarver, Jeff Hassel, Ann Kappeler, Annette Martinez, Jonna Schuler, Tim Lane, Kevin Kraft**
Davenport Rotary: **Dawn Saul**

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

And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Joe Pacha** 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 \$\$*.



Upcoming meetings... and more

Meeting programs thanks to President *Bill Daley* and program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottnaumann@msn.com, 563-505-7953:



Oct. 3: Rick Rahn, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent in charge of the Mollie Tibbetts murder investigation

Oct. 10: Chuck Long, former Iowa quarterback: Book signing

Oct. 17: Tiphanie

Cannon, owner, Oh So Sweet bakery, Davenport

Oct. 24: World Polio Day & RYLA students

Oct. 31: Chris Knapp, Iowa City A.M.

Rotary: Rotary Foundation

Nov. 7: Dave “the Shef” Sheffield, motivational speaker from Port Byron, Ill.

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