



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion



Chris Knapp and his wife Vernetta

**PDG Chris Knapp updates
Rotary Foundation’s work**

The guest speaker at our Oct. 31 meeting is past District 6000 Gov. **Chris Knapp** of the Iowa City A.M. Rotary, who will update us on the work of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation turns Rotarians’ monetary gifts into service projects that change peoples’ lives around the world.

During the past 100 years it has spent \$3 billion on sustainable projects that “advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.”

Last meeting:
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**On leadership &
preventing polio**

At the Oct. 24 meeting, **President Bill Daley** used the occasion of World Polio Day to celebrate the success of Rotary International’s PolioPlus program, which has nearly eradicated the disease from the planet. (More on that in a moment.)

At the same meeting, **Jim Spelhaug** (who is in his last year as co-youth service director, and superintendent of the Pleasant Valley School System) introduced the Pleasant Valley High School students we sponsored at last summer’s RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).

The students used five somewhat agile Bettendorf Rotarians and a hula hoop to demonstrate one of the teamwork-building exercises they experienced during the 6-day academy at Grinnell College. In this exercise, the five team members had to work together to lower the hoop from waist level to the floor

while supporting it with the backs of two fingers of each hand. (They succeeded on the first try.)



The three PV students – seniors **Natalie Murphy** and **Joshua Soultz** and junior **Cecilia Zavala** – took turns talking about the academy’s activities and their effect on them.



[Next year, Natalie will go to Arizona State University, where she will study political science and Spanish; Josh will begin studies in engineering – as yet, unspecified – at Iowa State University, and Cecilia will be a leader in her senior year at PVHS.]



Exercises emphasized the importance of teamwork, they all said. To

underscore that value, they heard often how important it is for a leader “to get everyone’s input.” In a talent show they performed “without fear of criticism.” Even normally quiet students were urged to step out, they said, because “even quiet people have leadership potential.”

Other sessions aimed to help them deal with important issues such as racism and

students who are struggling with gender identity.

Applying their academy leadership lessons back to their school setting, the students said they learned it’s important for leaders:

- to step back and help others lead
- to help the group stay on task
- to help freshmen and sophomores fulfill their graduation-required hours of service to the community.

The three agreed that since RYLA they participate more in class discussions, encourage other students to do their share and generally try to cooperate more with each other.

For his part, Bill reported on what Rotary has accomplished – reducing the worldwide incidence of polio cases from hundreds of thousands, or more, per year down to the 20 new cases reported this year in the most remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

He reported that BRC’s commitment this year has risen from the normal \$2,000 contribution to PolioPlus to \$5,000 – to help Rotary International match the challenge by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to match every Rotary dollar with \$2. “So we’re in a sense giving \$15,000,” Bill said. Members can donate individually, he added, by going to the Rotary Foundation Website.

To provide a sense of the difficulty of getting polio vaccine to some of the world’s most remote locations, Bill showed a video, which had been shown at the last RI convention. In it, a young volunteer traveled as a member of a vaccination team to a remote village in northeastern Uganda. They traveled on gravel roads, dirt roads and foot-trails, all while keeping the vaccine clean and cool.

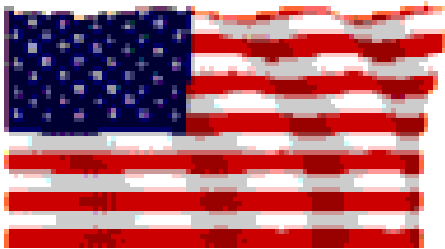
At the village they placed two drops of the vaccine on each child's tongue to prevent polio.

Announcements...

→ **Col. Davenport House landscaping:** **Bill Daley** announced the project to plant shrubs on the grounds of the Col. Davenport House on Arsenal Island has been postponed because of inclement weather forecast for Saturday. The project will be rescheduled in the spring.

→ **Agape Center project:** Bill reported the project began today with demolition of the existing deck on the building used to disperse food and clothing at the site near the foot of Devils Glen Road. Construction of a new combination deck and loading/unloading dock will move ahead as scheduled, he added.

→ **Veterans Day program: Kevin Kraft**



has arranged for David Woods, retired Scott County veterans service officer and a combat veteran of the Vietnam

War, to be the featured speaker at the BRC Veterans Day meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 14. Bill urged members to invite a vet as their guest; he asked that they keep **Secretary Johanna Blevins** informed, and pay her for the guest's lunch.

→ **Dictionaries to 4th graders:** Bill asked all members who had given dictionaries to Bettendorf 4th graders to raise their hands. Over the past two weeks, Bettendorf Rotarians visited every 4th grade classroom in the Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley and private school systems to hand students their own combination dictionary and thesaurus. He

read part of a thank-you note from Mary Beth Kunau, a 4th grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary School.



BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill Daley collected **\$156** from members, some of whom described a variety of reasons that made them happy:

Joe Champion – he helped our newest member, **Jeff Doty** – the new head of the Illowa Boy Scout Council – promote the 2018 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner: Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Camden Center in Milan; tickets for family and friends of this year's Eagle Scouts are \$25... **Ron Crist** – celebrating the 20th anniversary of his business, Duck Creek Tire & Service, this Saturday (he invited all to stop by for the party)... **Dick Paplinski** – happy “his” Ohio State Buckeyes “didn’t lose by 80 points”... **Tom Howard** – ecstatic “his” Purdue Boilermakers beat OSU 49-20... **Bill Daley** – thanks to all of the BRC members who have become customers of Abbey Carpet Gallery.

The meeting opened...

The bell rang. **President Bill Daley** called the



meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**, accompanied by **Scott Naumann**'s multi-talented laptop, led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we learned that pianist **Tewanta Lopez** is dealing with health problems, and we honored our troops. After introductions, Tom returned to lead the singing of "All Hail to Rotary" (which we didn't actually sing – but we read the projected words...) and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" because of the World Series.

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Guests:

Jean Dickson, host for Juan Carillo
 Juan Carillo, Rotary Exchange student
 Natalie Murphy
 Joshua Soultz
 Cecilia Zavala

In all, 50 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Ron Crist** 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, Bormann, Chambers, Clark, Cochran, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Dunbridge, Fair, Foster, Franks, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Goodmundson, Hassel, Higgs, Hutcheson, Keith, Kraus, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Morrison, Naab, Naeve,

Nelson, Pedersen, Ploehn, Powell, Rabine, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Slavens, Spykstra, Thein, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, 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 President *Bill Daley* and program chair **Scott Naumann**,

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Oct. 31: PDG 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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