



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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

John Sherrick shares his expertise on taxation

Our own **John Sherrick** of the Sitrick & Associates CPA firm is an authority on taxation – and he’s our scheduled speaker at the Dec. 5 meeting.



John joined the firm in 1971 and has been a partner since 1975. A member of both the Iowa and Illinois Societies of Certified Public Accountants, he is licensed to practice in both states.

Active in his profession, John serves as a discussion leader through Surgent McCoy CPE, LLC for tax continuing education courses for CPAs throughout the United States. He has presented seminars in all 50 states. He received the James L. McCoy Discussion Leader of the Year award for 2011-2012.

John earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Knox College and a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Iowa.

Last meeting:
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BCSD slates bond vote on Dec. 11

Bettendorf Community School District has scheduled a bond referendum vote for Dec. 11 to fund building projects at schools throughout the district.

Our own **Mike Raso**, superintendent of the Bettendorf School District, provided extensive background on the referendum at our Nov. 28 meeting.

The district is asking Bettendorf residents to vote on a \$30 million general obligation bond, which would pay for improvements at Bettendorf High School, the Middle School and at Herbert Hoover, Paul Norton and Neil Armstrong Elementary schools.

Projects include:
→ At the high school, conversion of the old auditorium into a future-ready center, improvements to athletic facilities,

upgrades in many classroom areas and resurfacing of parking lots
→At the middle school, improvements in STEM and music teaching areas, structural upgrades and athletic area additions
→At the elementary schools, main entrances will receive security upgrades, and individual facilities at each location will be improved.

Assuming the referendum passes, the projects would be completed over the next 3-6 years, Mike said. They would provide students with new “future-ready” and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) instructional areas, and additional classroom space.

If the referendum does not pass, completion of all the projects may stretch out over 12-15 years, Mike said.

The recent rebuilding of Grant Wood Elementary and the current consolidation of Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools at Twain are not included in this referendum.

Voting on the Dec. 11 referendum will take place 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 4097 18th St., and at the Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St.

Residents of the Bettendorf School District may vote at either location.

During Mike’s presentation, he was asked about the interest rates of bonds. After the meeting, he answered: “The actual interest rate on the sales tax bonds we took out in July 2018 is 3.03%. The interest rate that is being used for a projected GO (general obligation) bond is 4.5%. “

Announcements...

→**Bettendorf Rotary Night at the Storm: Tim Lane** announced that signup sheets were on tables for members to reserve tickets to the QC Storm game with the Huntsville Havoc on Saturday, Dec. 8, at The Taxslayer Center. The puck drops at 7:10 p.m. Tickets to BRC’s reserved space in “Tornado Alley” are \$20 – with \$5 from each ticket returned to the club. Deadline is next week’s meeting, Tim said.

→**Christmas baskets: Rick Bormann** passed around a signup sheet for



members to volunteer to deliver Christmas baskets to Bettendorf families in need. Volunteers also will buy a gift for each child in the recipient family – with BRC reimbursing the

member up to \$50 per gift. The date for giving the baskets is Saturday, Dec. 22, with food pick-up at the Devils Glen Hy-Vee beginning at 10 a.m.

→**Community service project:**

President Bill Daley read part of a thank-you letter from the director of the Agape Center where a BRC grant has funded the building of a much larger deck and wider stairs, which make it easier to distribute clothing and food to its clients. The letter said both clients and volunteers feel much safer with the expanded access. The Agape Center aids more than a hundred clients each month.

→**World polio eradication:** President Bill also read excerpts of a letter from the national chairperson of Rotary

International's PolioPlus campaign. The letter talked about the positive impact of PolioPlus on India, which has not had a case of the disease since 2011 and was declared polio-free in 2014. "We're almost there" – meaning a polio-free world, Bill commented.

➔ **Festival of Trees Luncheon:** Bill said Bettendorf Rotary was "well represented"



at the Festival of Trees Celebrity Lunch last Wednesday, which raised funds for Quad-City Arts. BRC didn't meet because of Thanksgiving. More than a dozen members

attended – **Decker Ploehn** was the emcee – "and they all get a make-up," Bill added.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill Daley collected **\$355** with extra \$\$ from these especially happy members: **Jerry Felsing** – 5th anniversary as a Bettendorf Rotarian... **Ken Vandersnick** – "70-something" birthday, so "it's not too much to round it to \$100"... **Jenifer Garlach** – fundraiser tomorrow for Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley – Trivia Night at Crawford Brew Works, 7-9 p.m. – "no cost to enter, and you can come alone or form a team up to four people"... **Lyn Cochran** – Scott Community College will have an open house 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, and we're invited... **Ann Kappeler** – after visiting her daughter in New York, thanks to the snow storm, it took two days to get home... with herself and her checked

bags traveling separately... **Dick Paplinski** – celebrating "a great win" by the Ohio State Buckeyes... **Jim Slavens** – nearing 50 years as a Bettendorf Rotary member + some 20 years since he visited India and saw the impact of Rotary there: "It changed my life"... **Jim Spelhaug** – 25th wedding anniversary – "and that changed *my* life"... **Decker Ploehn** – \$20 for "compliments on roads (snow removal) and complaints of blocked driveways"... **Carl Loweth** – happy to be back from Florida, "where the weather was warmer, but the Rotary's warmer here"... **Penny McGimpsey** – 29th anniversary ("I was a child bride.")

The meeting opened...

After **President Bill Daley** rang the bell and called the meeting to order, he led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Bill turned to song leader **Tom Howard** who, accompanied by pianist **Tewanta Lopez**, led the singing of "America the Beautiful." Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we honored our troops and learned that 3rd Ward Alderman Debe LaMar is battling cancer. After introductions, Tom returned to lead the singing of "A Helping Hand" and, inspired by the record 13.8-inch snowfall over the weekend, "Edelweis."



BRC's Rotary Exchange student, Juan Carillo from Ecuador, with Dr. Julie Meyers and Harry Coin.

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist
Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary
Juan Carillo, Rotary Exchange student

In all, 49 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 2 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Lyn Cochran** 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, Calabrese, M., Christopher, Clark, Coin, G., DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Doty, Dunbridge, Fair, Falk, Franks, Gallagher Jr., Gause, Geordt, Gross, Hassel, Hill, Hutcheson, Keith, Kellenberger, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, O'Brien, Olson, Powell, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Schuler, Scranton, Shea, Simons, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Worner and Wright

Make-ups...

Megan Pedersen, Rotary Club of Burlington

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



Dec. 5: our own John Sherrick, CPA: taxation

Dec. 12: Brad Martell, YMCA capital campaign

Dec. 19: Pleasant Valley High School Christmas music program

Dec. 26: No meeting – Merry Christmas

Jan. 23: LobsterFest grant presentations at Tanglewood Pavilion

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