



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 12, 2018, issue

Next meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

**PV musicians to give us
a special holiday treat**

It's been a holiday tradition that the Bettendorf high schools take turns serenading BRC members with songs of the season at our last meeting before Christmas.



This year, musicians from Pleasant Valley

High School are poised to take that tradition up a notch. **Jim Spelhaug** announced at today's meeting that on Dec. 19 we'll be treated to the sounds of a string quartet as we dine, with singers from the schools choirs performing afterward. This might be a perfect opportunity to bring a spouse to lunch.



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**Y: 'Gym and swim'
and much more**

Since **Brad Martell** came to the Quad Cities six years ago to be the CEO of the Scott County Family YMCA, he's worked to dispel the cliché that the Y is just "a gym and swim" organization, he told us at the Dec. 12 meeting.

It will always be that, of course, he acknowledged, but it supports the community in many other ways, such as:
→ Child-care and after-school programs

- Early-learning centers
- Healthy-living centers
- Partnerships with school districts and non-profit partners.

Last year Scott County’s Y connected with more than 61,000 members of the QC community through memberships and programs, he reported.

Focusing especially on programs that aim to help youths with deprived or troubled backgrounds turn their lives around, Brad said many have become able to land jobs, and “23% are going on to college.”

To expand its abilities to serve the QC, he revealed details about the Y’s plans to replace its downtown facility, built in 1963, with an expanded presence next to its Early Learning Center at the east end of 3rd Street.

Illustrating his presentation with architect’s renderings and floor plans, he described many of the features of the multi-level building, such as:

- A 3rd-floor outdoor exercise area with commanding Mississippi River views
- Two indoor pools, for laps only and for general swimming, including water aerobics
- A heart research center
- An indoor running track
- Several exercise spaces
- Offices for the headquarters staff

The Scott County Y expects to reach its fundraising goal and break ground next year, Brad said. In answer to questions, he said the Y is moving ahead with plans to open a facility in Eldridge.

Presentation...

→**Thanks for support: Gary Loss**, assistant governor of District 6000, presented BRC with a Certificate of Appreciation from last year’s Rotary



International president for our high level of support for the PolioPlus campaign to eradicate the disease worldwide. BRC was “one of only six clubs in our district” to receive this honor, Gary said.

Announcements...

→**Bettendorf Rotary Night at the QC Storm: President Bill Daley** thanked all of the members who attended the hockey game last Saturday evening, “even though the score didn’t turn out the way we wanted,” he commented.

→**Christmas baskets: Rick Bormann** asked for three more volunteers to deliver Christmas baskets to Bettendorf families in need – and shop for gifts for the children in those families (BRC will reimburse members up to \$50 apiece for gift purchases). The food and gifts will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 22, after picking up baskets at the Hy-Vee on Devils Glen Road.

→**Program updates:** Bill updated the calendar of upcoming meeting dates and places:

→**Jan. 30:** LobsterFest grant presentations at Tanglewood Pavilion
 →**Feb. 20:** Our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** delivers the State of the City address at Waterfront Convention Center

BRC Happy \$\$...



President Bill Daley collected **\$196** including some extra \$\$ from these ecstatic members:

Lee Marbach – just became Papa to daughter No. 3... **John Rabine** – happy about Bettendorf’s “incredible” library because he had an electrical problem, and the staff found a solution for him... **Jim Spelhaug** – son Ryan was named an NCAA academic All American... **Decker Ploehn** – thanks to all for chipping in \$\$ to thank our hosts – which will happen at next week’s meeting... **Jonna Schuler** – ecstatic that friend Joni Lindle is going to join Bettendorf Rotary... **Bill Daley** – proud of daughter Reagan, a sophomore at ISU, who will leave school this spring for “discipleship training for Youth with a Mission.”



In other BRC news...

The students in Erin Thiessen’s 5th grade class at Pleasant Valley’s Riverdale Heights Elementary School wanted to do a project to “Pay It Forward” – a project that received a Bettendorf Rotary charitable grant this year.

Cindy Lewis of the PV School District office said, “Each of our five elementary school 5th grades is participating in Pay It Forward projects. All have a plan and their work will be completed by spring.” The other PV elementary schools are Bridgeview, Cody, Hopewell and Pleasant View.



The students spent time on Monday to make fleece tie blankets, which were taken to King’s Harvest Ministries. On Saturday they will be given as presents to homeless children who attend the King’s Harvest Christmas party. Erin commented, “Each group also made a card to attach to their blanket. I am so proud of their efforts!”

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded and **President Bill Daley** called 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, during which we honored our troops and learned that **Greg Blaske**’s

Mom is recovering after a car accident. After introductions, Tom led the singing of “Silver Bells” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarians:

Brad Martell, CEO, Scott County Family Y, speaker and Davenport Rotary

Gary Loss, Assistant District Governor, District 6000, and Davenport Rotary

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez

Joni Lindle, Beyond, guest of **Jonna Schuler**

Creighton Stifel, Russell, guest of **Lee**

Marbach

In all, 53 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today,

Decker Ploehn

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, Calabrese, M, Calabrese, T, Christopher, Cochran, Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Dunbridge, Early, Felsing, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Garlach, Gause, Hassel, Hutcheson, Keith, Kellenberger, Kook, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, O'Brien, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Scranton, Sherrick, Slavens, Spykstra, Thein, Wells, Worner, and Wright

Make-ups...

Megan Pedersen, North Scott Rotary

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. 19: Pleasant Valley High School Christmas music program

Dec. 26: No meeting – Merry Christmas

Jan. 2, 2019: No meeting – Happy New Year 2019 to all

Jan. 30: LobsterFest grant presentations at Tanglewood Pavilion

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