



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Dec. 19, 2018, issue

***Next meeting:***  
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019  
Tanglewood Pavilion

## Begin 2019 with a laugh from ComedySportz

If you try to visit the Website of the QC  
ComedySportz so you can find out more



about **Jeff Adamson**,  
who is the scheduled  
program for the first  
meeting of 2019, no  
matter what you click  
on, the only thing you  
can do is order CSz gift  
packages for Christmas.

So you can't see a photo of Jeff.

There's a h-u-g-e CSz gift card that  
covers up anything else you want to click  
on, so about the only thing we know  
(from that enormous card) is that the  
improv comedy troupe was "Est. 1984."  
And when you Google ComedySportz  
the blurb says, "Jeff Adamson started  
with the original team of ComedySportz  
Quad Cities in 1990 and has performed in  
over 3000 shows..."

But if you want to see what he looks like,  
you'll have to come to the meeting....

**Meanwhile, have a Very  
Merry Christmas!**

**No meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 26**

***Last meeting:***

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018



## Strings, voices sing of Holiday

A string quartet from Pleasant Valley  
High School greeted members of  
Bettendorf Rotary and their guests with  
sounds of the Christmas season as they  
arrived for the Dec. 19 meeting.

The mini-concert – prepared by Rob  
Swinney, PV's director of orchestral  
strings – set the mood nicely for the main  
"business" of the meeting – a concert of  
Christmastime favorite songs (and one  
surprise piece) performed by members of  
the PV Choir.

The choir ensemble, mostly seniors, sang  
a Capella under the direction of Meg  
Byrne, PV's director of choirs.

She said the singers were going to take us  
on a "journey around the world through  
caroling" – as she introduced each song  
she mentioned its country of origin. The  
concert consisted of:  
→ "Joy to the World," written by English  
theologian Isaac Watts

→”Still, Still, Still,” based on an Austrian folk tune (but sung in English)

→”Carol of the Bells,” which, Meg said, borrowed the tune from a Ukrainian folk chant. The music was written in 1914 by Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovych with lyrics by Peter J. Wilhousky

→”White Christmas,” with words penned by songwriter Irving Berlin and first sung by Bing Crosby in 1941 on his radio program



→”Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy,” a four-part choral rendering of the familiar melody from Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s ballet “The Nutcracker”

→”Deck the Hall,” a Christmas favorite based on a 16<sup>th</sup> century Welsh melody, with English lyrics written by Scots musician Thomas Oliphant



The choir took a brief break from the music to introduce themselves, mentioning their parents and (among the seniors) their plans for college attendance and course of study next year.

For a finale, the ensemble sang:  
→”Go Tell It on the Mountain,” the traditional spiritual arranged by Stacey Gibbs, and...

→”We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”



### Presentation...

→**Merry Christmas and thanks...** for a terrific year of meetings and special events (such as LobsterFest and the Grant Presentations) to our weekly hosts **Julie** and **Donna**. **President Bill Daley** made the presentation.

### Announcements...

→**Christmas baskets: Rick Bormann** reminded the volunteers who will deliver Christmas baskets to Bettendorf families this Saturday that they can pick up the groceries between 9 a.m. and noon at the Hy-Vee on Devils Glen Road.

### BRC Happy \$\$...

**President Bill Daley** collected **\$242** with notable pre-Christmas happiness emanating from: **Jeff “Boomer” Hill** – his son, who’s due to graduate from college in May, will serve with the Peace Corps in west Africa... **Dr. Tom Olson** – while saying he brought dental-health kits to include in Christmas baskets, he couldn’t resist adding he’d driven on Davenport’s newly opened Veterans Memorial Parkway, “a roundabout way”... **Dr. Julie Meyer** – happy her daughter’s home for a visit, and thanks to **Rick Bormann** for heading up the

holiday basket program... a noticeably svelte **Gary Mohr** – “thanks for helping reelect him” to the Iowa House + celebrated his 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary + lost 51 pounds and acquired a pacemaker... and “as a true fiscal conservative” left his wallet at home... **George Coin** – his 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will arrive while he’s in Florida... **Jim Spelhaug** – thanks for such a good crowd to hear the PV music students... **Tim Lane** – his daughter is now a physician’s assistant at Northwestern, so he’s going to have to add some purple to his sports color palette... **Ann Kappeler** – enjoyed a performance of “Annie” at Circa 21 – with **Jeff Hassel**’s daughter in the cast... **Ken Vandersnick** – attended the Iowa vs Illinois high school basketball games last weekend, and enjoyed watching PV, BHS and North Scott win their games... **Joe Pacha** – 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary... **Dick Schillig** – happy a new brochure promoting Pleasant Valley schools includes its co-sponsorship of Run with Carl + 257 days to RWC... **Decker Ploehn** – had surgery to clear carotid artery, so “It’s good to see you all”... **Scott Naumann** – with Kaye LeBeau among the guests, he recalled the fun he had, as a Green Bay Packer fan, teasing lifelong Bear backer Carter LeBeau.

### **The meeting opened...**

After the bell sounded, **President Bill Daley** called the meeting to order, welcoming all of the guests and family members present to hear the music. He led the recitation of The 4-Way Test then turned the meeting over to song leader **Tom Howard**, who in turn asked the Pleasant Valley High School singers to lead the singing of “The National Anthem.” Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence,

during which we honored our troops. After members of the PV Choir had performed, **Carol Foster** introduced visitors, including members’ family members and the two teachers, among the total attendance of 80.



### **And at the end...**

... of the meeting today, **Dr. Tom Olson** 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com), 563-505-7953:



**Dec. 26:** No meeting – Merry Christmas  
**Jan. 2, 2019:** Jeff Adamson: ComedySportz  
**Jan. 9:** HOTGLASS 16th Ryan Jantzi: manager of operations, Downtown Bettendorf Organization

**Jan. 23:** **Harry Coin:** “The Internet is your ‘on-ramp’ to the world... but also the world’s on-ramp to you, your family and your work”

**Jan. 30:** LobsterFest grant presentations at Tanglewood Pavilion

**Feb. 20:** Bettendorf Rotary hosts as our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher** delivers the State of the City address at the Waterfront Convention Center

**Feb. 27:** Meet the new director of Quad City International Airport

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