



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
Tanglewood Pavilion

Scott County Y CEO talks on its capital campaign

Brad Martell, CEO of the Scott County Family YMCA, is the scheduled speaker at our Dec. 12 meeting. He'll provide



details on the Y's capital campaign to expand its facilities in downtown Davenport.

Scott County's Y was chartered in 1858, the mission, "To put Christian principles into practice through

programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all," according to its Website.

The site goes on to say, "This present capital campaign represents the future of downtown Davenport utilizing the momentum generated from our community leaders over the past 160 years. The YMCA's new community center will be an anchor for continued economic development while also serving as the gateway connecting the downtown into the east side corridor and on to Bettendorf and the new I-74 bridge."

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018



Tax law changes for 2018 filing

Our own **John Sherrick** of the Sitrick & Associates CPA firm in Bettendorf spends part of most weeks teaching classes that help accountants around the country fulfill their yearly need for continuing education. For 26 years he's stood in front of rooms full of accountants in all 50 states "at least twice," he said, but recently he's "cut back" to only 2-3 days of that a week.

He had landed at the QC airport on Wednesday after one of his discussion-group trips with just enough time to come to the meeting and share his insights based on the "Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017." Along with noting differences in

2018 tax forms, he offered some tips and observations, including:

→The old forms 1040 are all gone, he said, replaced by a new 1040 that measures 8½ by 5½ in., half the traditional size of the form. To make that happen, “six more sheets at 8½ by 11 in.” had to be added, he said. A full-sized Schedule 1 now captures all of the information formerly reported on the portion of the 1040 that’s gone.

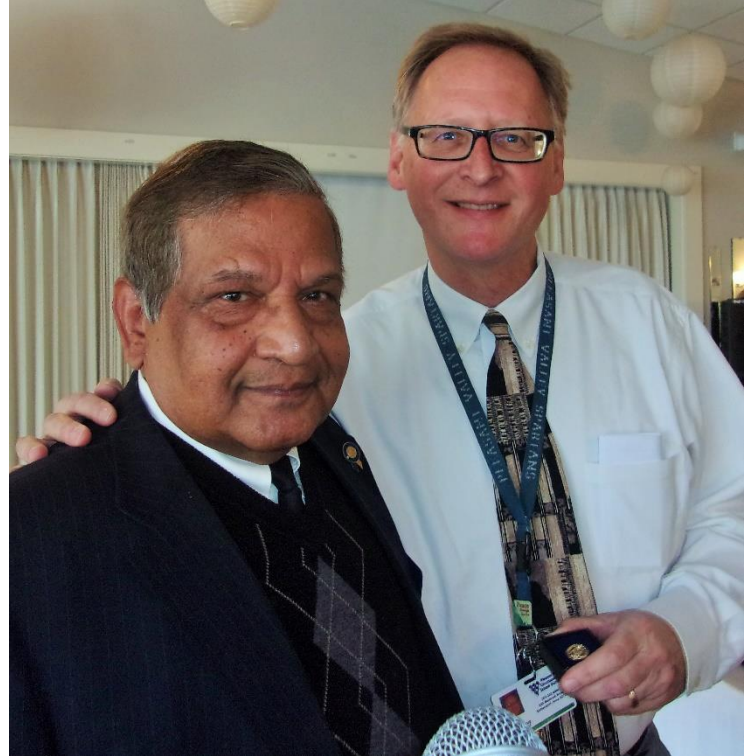
→While tax rates are lower – the highest personal bracket is 37% and corporate income is taxed at 21% – the new forms “have not been simplified,” and many deductions and exclusions have been changed or eliminated, he said.

Throughout his presentation, John gave frequent examples of changes in adjustments available to taxpayers; some examples: the dependent deduction is gone... the marriage penalty persists through all income brackets... the standard deduction is \$24,000... personal exemptions are eliminated.

In general, John observed, “Most people in this room will see an increase in taxes.... The big winners are blue-collar workers... two-income white-collar families are the losers.”

“Be prepared to spend more time” with your tax preparer or consultant, he advised. But he did offer two bits of hopeful advice to lower 2018 personal tax somewhat: donate to charity and make a January 2019 mortgage payment before Dec. 31.

John joined the Sitrick firm in 1971 and has been a partner since 1975. He practices in both Iowa and Illinois.



Presentation...

→**PHF +1: S.K. Nanda** presented the pin for Paul Harris Fellowship + 1 to **Jim Spelhaug**. That signifies that Jim has donated his second \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

During the presentation, S.K. noted that the Fellowship came into existence in 1957, which was 10 years after the death of the Rotary founder. The increments of recognition, which progress to \$10,000, were set at \$1,000, S.K. said, “because that was about the price of a new Chevrolet car in 1957.”

Announcements...

→**Bettendorf Rotary Night at the Storm:** In the absence of **Tim Lane** (who coordinated the event), Bill said it was still possible at today’s meeting for members to get tickets to the section set aside for BRC members at the QC Storm hockey game on Saturday, Dec. 8, at The Taxslayer Center. The puck drops at 7:10

p.m. Tickets are \$20 – with \$8 from each ticket returned to the club.

→ **Christmas baskets:** Although **Rick Bormann**, the holiday basket project manager, was absent, Bill said three volunteers are still needed to deliver Christmas baskets to Bettendorf families in need. In addition to the food, which they'll pick up at the Devils Glen Hy-Vee and deliver on Saturday, Dec. 22, they'll buy a gift for each child in the recipient family; BRC will reimburse the member up to \$50 per gift. Rick will email details in plenty of time for gift shopping.



→ **T-shirts are here:** Displaying samples of our new “Rotarian at Work” T-shirts on the sign-in table, **President Bill Daley** announced the arrival of the shirts – which we all can proudly wear during community-service projects to inform passers-by that Rotarians are planting those trees, or doing something else to benefit Bettendorf. He said they’d be set out (by size) for pickup at next week’s meeting, and he thanked **Carol Foster** for handling the details.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill Daley collected **\$230** with especially happiness-inspired contributions from: **Dr. Tom Olson** – his

Dad, Ward’s, 95th birthday... **Dick Hanzelka** – invitation to a performance of Handel’s “Messiah” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Davenport’s Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (free admission, but a free-will offering is appreciated); “You can listen, or join in singing along,” Dick said... **Ann Kappeler** – the BRC Charities Board has met to make decisions on awarding this year’s grants totaling \$25,000 to charities... **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – December birthday + anniversary, “rounded” to \$150... **Jerry Felsing** – thanks to the city for newly repaved alley behind the store, “a good thing for a glass company”... **Lyn Cochran** - \$50 for 2 reasons: the new **Jim Spelhaug** scholarship at Pleasant Valley High School will be designated to aid a grad who goes to Scott Community College + donation in memory of her sponsor when she joined her first Rotary club, in South Sioux City, Neb., who just died... **Beth Clark** – registration is now open for the 14th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-a-Round fundraiser (in which BRC has consistently won the Rotary challenge)... **Kurt Lokenvitz** – just enjoyed the chef-prepared-in-home dinner, which his bid won at last summer’s LobsterFest... **Decker Ploehn** – “proud of the club for still giving all the Happy \$\$, after his ‘shakedown’ for our thank-you cash gift to our weekly hosts... **Mayor Bob Gallagher** – \$\$ in memory of the late Ald. Debe LaMar, “a great public servant.”

The meeting opened...



In a quiet way, **President Bill Daley** gently rang the bell and called the meeting to order. He opened the meeting by leading the recitation of The 4-Way Test and then turned to

song leader **Tom Howard** who, accompanied by **Jerry Higgs'** musically talented laptop, led the singing of "This Is My Country." Tom relinquished the floor so Bill could lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we honored our troops and the family of President George H.W. Bush and learned that **Greg Blaske's** Mon was injured a car accident. After introductions, Tom returned to lead the singing of "Vive le Rotary" (2 verses), "When You're Smiling" and, as we do at this time each month, "Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians." In December, those who especially enjoyed their chocolate (and lemon) bars are: 05, David J. Franks' 08, Brad Morrison; 12, Dean Kraus; 13, Bradley Boeye; 15, Gary Mohr; 17, Tom Mielnik; 23, Jeff Hassel, Bob H. Gallagher, Greg Blaske; 28, Larry Thein; 29, Will Doland, Johanna Blevins; 31, Lyn Cochran.

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Guests:

Tom Dryg, Honkamp, guest of **Dean Kraus** Joni Lindle, Beyond, guest of **Larry Thein** Maria Osterberg, Legat Architects, guest of **Jeff "Boomer" Hill**

In all, 56 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests.



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Mayor Bob Gallagher** 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, Blaske, Boeye, Bormann, Christopher, Coin, G., Crist, Dunbridge,

Franks, Gause, Hassel, Hutcheson, Keith, Kellenberger, Lane, Langan, Larsen, Lawrence, Love-Sherrick, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, Nelson, O'Brien, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Scranton, Shea, Spykstra, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, 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**, scottnaumann@msn.com, 563-505-7953:



Dec. 12: Brad Martell, YMCA capital campaign

Dec. 19: Pleasant Valley High School Christmas music program

Dec. 26: No meeting – Merry Christmas

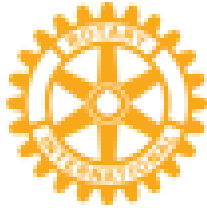
Jan. 2, 2019: No meeting – Happy New Year 2019 to all

Jan. 23: LobsterFest grant presentations at Tanglewood Pavilion

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