



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019
Tanglewood Pavilion

Glass art becomes vehicle to build youth teamwork

At its Website, Hot Glass Inc. describes itself as “a hands-on, non-profit shop dedicated to the instruction, presentation, interpretation, collection, documentation and preservation of the contemporary glass art movement...” **Joel Ryser**, its executive director, is the scheduled speaker at the Jan. 9 meeting.

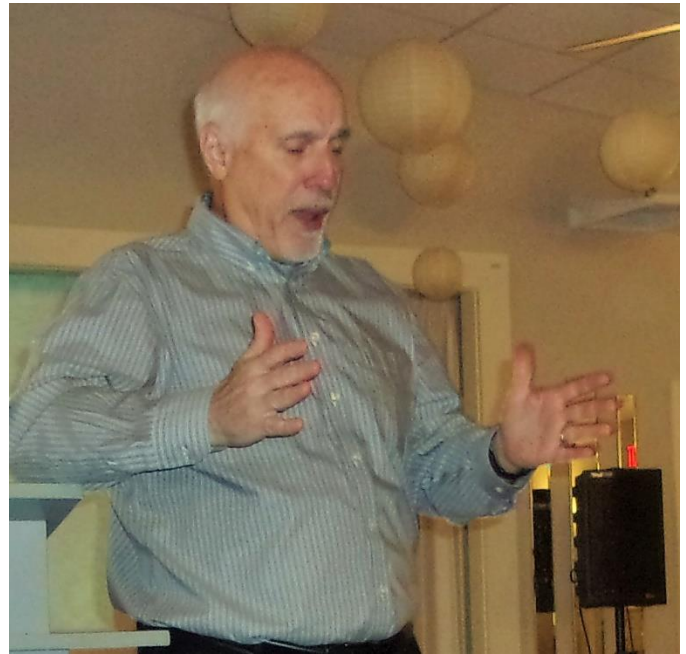


With a focus on team building for organizations, Hot Glass aims to “provide people of all ages (but particularly our youth) the opportunity to experience and enjoy glass art... (and) to connect all sectors of our community with diverse cultural and economic backgrounds and to improve life experiences through glass art.”

Joel taught at Moline High School for 30 years, coaching for 25 of those years. He studied glass art at Eastern Oregon University and incorporated it into the curriculum at Moline HS.

Last meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019



Slightly serious funny business

A funny thing happened at the Jan. 2 meeting. **Jeff Adamson** of the QC ComedySportz in Rock Island had a funny way of mixing some stories that made us laugh and some improv – his schtick in trade at ComedySportz – to make a point about how to use humor to help us in our everyday lives.



Jeff has spent the last 29 years at this QC comedy emporium, and he shared some life lessons he’s learned in that time.

When we're young, he says, we believe we can do almost anything. "Can you sing?" he asked. "At first, we all say yes," but over time experience convinces us maybe we can't sing, or dance or do some other things. But...

"We all have the capability to change and do something different," he continued. "So tomorrow go to work and park in a different spot. Push yourself to do something else, something new."

He related an example from his own years at a "day job" with John Deere. One co-worker he saw daily for years always had only negative things to say. One day, rather than hide or pretend he was on a phone call, Jeff complemented her before she could say anything. "That changed our relationship," he said. "The next day she said hello and asked about my kids." So challenge yourself to be different, he advised us. "Create a little excitement... and see what happens."



Presentation...

→ **Paul Harris + 2: Club Secretary Johanna Blevins** received the Paul Harris plus 2 pin from **S.K. Nanda**. S.K. noted that the second gem on the Paul Harris Fellowship pin signifies that Johanna has donated a total of \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Announcements...

→ **Invite a prospect on Jan. 30:** In issuing his monthly reminder to members with a birthday this month, **President Bill Daley** said the Jan. 30 meeting – when BRC awards charitable grants to this year's non-profit recipient organizations – is an ideal meeting for prospective members to see Rotary in action serving the QC community.

→ **T-shirts are in:** "Rotarian at Work" T-shirts were laid out on a side table for members to pick up, as **Greg Blaske** did. There's a free one for each BRC member. When we wear them while working on a community-



service project, we demonstrate how Rotary serves the community. Remaining T-shirts, arrayed by size, will continue to be on display for pickup at future meetings. Bill thanked **President-elect Carol Foster** for coordinating the T-shirt purchase.

→ **\$\$ for the Bettendorf Rotary Foundation:** Bill announced that the club's foundation had received two donation checks – \$100 from the Quad City Storm hockey team and \$400 from the Lee Enterprises Foundation.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill Daley collected **\$541** with generous amounts of \$\$ coming from these happy members: **Jennifer Garlach** – 31st wedding anniversary... **George Coin** – extra \$\$ for what **Harry Coin** labeled the "rare Coin collection"



assembled at the table he and Harry co-hosted + a celebration of Northwestern's Holiday Bowl win... **Steve Pieart** – while in San Antonio for the Alamo Bowl, just happened to meet **Doyle McCauley's** son... at a stoplight... **Dick Paplinski** – a celebratory cheer for Ohio State's Rose Bowl win... **Jerry Felsing** - \$\$ worth of New Year's happiness... **Tom Mielnik** – 67th birthday, actually, after claiming that age for a year + happy for all Big 10 bowl wins... **John Rabine** – traveled all the way to Omaha to watch his grandson's wrestling win... all 19 seconds of it... **Greg Blaske** – Mom came home from the hospital in time for Christmas a week earlier than expected + many family birthdays... **Decker Ploehn** – 43rd wedding anniversary... **Bill Daley** – 25th anniversary with Abbey Carpet Gallery.

The meeting opened...



The bell sounded. **President Bill Daley** called the meeting to order, led the recitation of The 4-Way Test and turned the meeting over to song leader **Tom Howard**, who – with the accompaniment of pianist **Gail**

Baldwin – led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we honored our troops and remembered Bettendorf friends in need of support. After introductions – and a piano rendition of “The Iowa Fight Song,” to celebrate the Hawkeyes’ Outback Bowl victory on New Year’s Day – we sang “Rotary Ideals,” “Winter Wonderland” and “Happy Birthday, Dear Rotarians” to help these January-born members: 13, Jerry Higgs; 14, Mark Ross; 16, Tony Calabrese; 25, Keith Worner.

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Guests:

Gail Baldwin, pianist
Jennifer Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**
Susan Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**
Liz Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**
Jeff Adamson, ComedySportz (speaker)

Visiting Rotarians:

Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary
Norlan Hinke, Clinton Rotary

In all, 37 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 5 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians.

Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Calabrese, M, Calabrese, T, Chambers, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Crist, Dobesh, Doland, Doty, Dunbridge, Early, Franks, Gallagher, Sr., Gause, Geordt, Goodmundson, Hassel, Hutcheson, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kook, Kraft, Kraus, Langan, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Love-Sherrick, Mannix, Marbach, Martinez, Mickle, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Nelson, O'Brien, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schillig, Schneden, Schuler, Schwab, Scranton, Shea, Simons, Sorenson, Spelhaug, Spykstra, Thein, Tombergs, Wells, Werner, Windmiller, Worner, and Wright

And at the end...



... of the meeting today, **Jennifer Garlach** 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, 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:



Jan. 9: HOTGLASS
Jan. 16: 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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