



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 16, 2019, issue

Next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019
Tanglewood Pavilion

Two sides to the Internet 'on-ramp to the world'

Our own **Harry Coin**, who owns and operates the computer consulting firm Quiet Fountain LLC, says, "The Internet is your 'on-ramp to the world.'... But it's also the world's on-ramp to you, your



family and your work."

Harry added ominously, at this week's meeting: "So fasten your seatbelt."

At the Jan. 23 meeting, Harry will take us on

an enlightening road trip through the technological wonder that instantly tells us the square root of 4,567 or how to say "Good day" in Swedish. But it may also bring misery into our lives in the forms of spammers, scammers, all sorts of malware... and much worse.

Last meeting:

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How downtown plans to emerge

For the past several years downtown Bettendorf has been the site of demolition, lots of dirt being pushed around, with new streets and buildings rising out of the chaos – all because the new Interstate-74 bridge is being built.

In the midst of it all, businesses and industries downtown – defined as the area from the Davenport city line to where State and Grant streets merge, between Brown Street and the Mississippi River – began to band together and look toward the future.

Now the Downtown Bettendorf Organization is enacting a plan to give people many reasons "to live, work and play downtown," said **Ryan Jantzi**, manager of operations of the organization, at the Jan. 16 meeting.

Besides the bridge project, Ryan cited major new construction, such as the new Ascentra Credit Union headquarters and the Bridge Lofts, in describing how downtown is rapidly changing. A virtual “fly-over” video at the organization’s Website, downtownbettendorf.org, depicts more projects, such as a 4-story multi-use building planned to rise across the street from the Bridge Lofts.

As all of this visible activity is going on, Ryan is working with the 100-plus businesses and industries in the area to create a Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) by mid-year. Funds collected from member companies over its 5-year life will be used to improve “the business and cultural environment of the current business district.”



The SSMID has set goals in three levels (the group is already doing some of these things):

→In the short-term, it will beautify the downtown streetscape with planters and seasonal banners, build bike racks and boost its Website and social media presence.

→For the medium-term, it will introduce events to foster downtown networking and events – such as festivals and concerts – to bring the community to the downtown area. Gateway signs and promotional signage will be appearing.

→Longer-term, to sustain economic development, the group plans to offer grants to improve both interiors and façades of existing structures. And it will seek more new construction in the area.



Announcements...

→**Some T-shirts remain: President Bill Daley** said members who have not yet picked up their free “Rotarian at Work” T-shirt should contact him. To show the community how Bettendorf Rotary serves, we’ll wear the shirts while working on community-service projects.

→**Pinewood Derby judges: Joe Campion, Tom Kook and Bill Daley** will be judges as the Cub Scout Pack 54 Pinewood this Saturday morning at Paul Norton Elementary School. Beginning at 9, they’ll judge the cars’ designs in a number of categories.

→**Mark your calendar: Bill** urged members to plan to attend two especially important meetings:

→Jan. 30, when BRC announces the \$25,000 in grants it is presenting to QC area charities, and

→Feb. 20, when **Mayor Bob Gallagher** presents his State of the City address at the Waterfront Convention Center.

→**‘Joy of Procrastination’:** For members who have not yet read the article on procrastination in the current issue of the *Rotarian* magazine, **Bill** advised us to read it... not to wait for some future opportunity...

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Bill Daley collected \$141 from these Rotarians who had news to share: **Tony Calabrese** – has been named CEO of the Dubuque YMCA, but he'll have to leave Bettendorf Rotary... **Penny McGimpsey** – happy her colleagues and friends joined her at the meeting + happy to announce her station has become the radio sponsor of the QC Chamber... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – wants to join one of the BRC teams for the Rotary Challenge of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt-A-Round fundraiser, which is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Great Hall of Davenport's RiverCenter (she was instantly recruited into a team)... **Dick Schillig** – a fitness note for the new year: "just 230 days to Run with Carl 2019"... **Fred Anderson** – "I've been meaning to organize the procrastinators in the club, but can't seem to get around to it"... **Brad Morrison** – (Sorry – comment lost among all the groaning)... **Dr. Tom Olson** – said one of his patients referred to his nurse as "'Hinge,' because she's so a-door-able" (more groans).

[NOTE: In last week's BRC Happy \$\$ we erroneously reported that **Decker Ploehn** said "Hertz" Donuts held a fundraiser to benefit the fallen Clinton firefighters. We should have said "Hurts" Donuts. We regret the error, and hope no one got hurt from the confusion.]



The meeting opened...

The bell rang. **President Bill Daley** called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Song leader **Tom Howard**,

accompanied by music from **Jerry Higgs'** laptop, led the singing of our patriotic song, "God Bless America." Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moments of Silence, during which we honored our troops, Bettendorf neighbors in need of support, the fallen Clinton firefighters and federal workers hurt by the government shutdown. We also learned that **Tewanta Lopez's** father continues to be in hospital in Iowa City. After introductions, we joined in singing "Sing, Rotarians" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Secretary Johanna Blevins reported...

Visiting Rotarian:

Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary

Guests:

Ryan Jantzi, Downtown Bettendorf Organization (speaker)

Robert Walker, Vintage Radio (guest of **Penny McGimpsey**)

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In all, 45 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 3 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Chambers, Christopher, Cochran, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doty, Dunbridge, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Geordt, Hassel, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kraft, Kraus, Langan, Larsen, Lawrence, Lindle, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Martinez, Mickle, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, O'Brien, Pieart, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Saul, Schneden, Scranton, Simons, Slavens, Spelhaug, Tombergs, Wells, Windmiller, Worner, Wright and Yoder





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 \$\$*.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say, or do

first...
Is it the TRUTH?

second...
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third...
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth...
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Upcoming meetings... and more

Meeting programs thanks to President **Bill Daley** and program chair **Scott Naumann**, scottnaumann@msn.com, 563-505-7953:



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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