



**THE
BETTENDORF
ROTARY
CLUB NEWS**
Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Dec. 18, 2019, issue

Next meetings:
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019

Merry Christmas!
(No meeting)

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

Happy New Year 2020!
(No meeting)



Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020

It's Rotary Beatlemania!

David Baker from KALA Radio at St. Ambrose University will present a program on the Beatles! We are nearing the 50th anniversary of the rooftop concert in New York City, so program chair **Scott Naumann** is "bringing forth Rotary Beatlemania!"

Last meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019



**We enjoyed a
Yuletide concert**

In introducing Bettendorf High School Show Choir director **Andrea Cooper**, our own **Superintendent Mike Raso** praised the choir for its singing service to the community as the Christmas season approaches.



Part-way through the concert, Andrea said, "We love to share our passion for music with the community." Revealing that this ensemble from within the larger BHS choir rehearses entirely before classes "one or two mornings every week," she then asked the members to introduce themselves. The 16 members present (a couple were ill) represented all four classes at the school.

They sang a Capella: "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly", "Away in a Manger",

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman,” Joy to the World” and “Silent Night.”

Presentation...



➔**Thanks to Julie and Donna: Scott Naumann** called our weekly hostesses, **Donna and Julie**, to come to the front – and, with virtually no ceremony (“I don’t even have a card,” he admitted),



presented them our annual thank-you gift of cash (\$1,286). The no-frills theme carried on with the cash in a plain plastic bag. (“It might have been in my car until a few minutes ago,”

President Carol Foster sort-of mumbled.)

Gracious as ever, Julie and Donna smiled, “Thank You!” and wished us all a very Merry Christmas.

Announcements...

➔**Christmas Caroling and Party: Ann Kappeler** reported more than two dozen enjoyed the fun and good cheer of last Thursday evening’s combination Christmas party and caroling at several Bettendorf nursing homes. She thanked **Dick Hanzelka** and his wife for “leading us in song.”

➔New Club Secretary update:

President Carol Foster reported on progress in the search for a new club secretary, saying the Board hopes to make a decision in January. Meanwhile, she thanked **Harry Coin** and **Larry Thein** for sharing the secretary’s duties during weekly meetings.

➔**Christmas baskets:** Larry gave a final reminder to members who will deliver Christmas baskets of food and toys on Saturday, Dec. 21.

BRC Happy \$\$

The fund that helps support BRC’s projects became **\$387** richer, especially thanks to these happy Rotarians: **Bob Gallagher Sr.** – admitted “not much left to round up to \$100” in his birthday month... **Maria Osterberg** – it’s a good day for a birthday today... **Brian Goerdt** – celebrating 26th anniversary... **Greg Blaske** – it seemed as if he named his whole family with birthdays this month... **Dr. Julie Meyers** – happy to have gone

caroling + celebrating Christmas with most of her family + 25th anniversary... **Kevin Kraft** – happy to be a Bettendorf Rotarian and to see all of the ways we serve our community...

Sharon Sarver – paying it forward for going south... **Phil Dunbridge** (a.k.a., Christmas poster boy) – happy today’s the



last day of school before the break + announcing that Rivermont Collegiate has purchased Ashford College in Clinton and will open a satellite campus there... **Bill Daley** – thanks to both **Dr. Julie Meyers** and **Greg Blaske** for their work to straighten out his health ailments... **Ann Kappeler** – heading for warmth + has stepped off more than 1,000 walking miles this year... **Mike Simon** – also planning some time away from snow and cold.

The meeting opened...



At the sound of the bell, **President Carol Foster** called the meeting to order, welcomed members, guests and Bettendorf High School singers, and led the recitation of “The 4-Way Test.” **Tom Howard**, aided by the BHS

singers, led the singing of “The National Anthem.” Carol returned to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which we offered support for our troops, and to **Penny McGimpsey’s** husband’s mom and the brother of a colleague of **Mayor Bob Gallagher** and **Decker Ploehn**.

Larry Thein introduced...

Guests:

Diana Kraus, guest of **Dean Kraus**
 Rona Loweth, guest of **Carl Loweth**
 Denise Werner, guest of **Brent Werner**
 Janette Geordt, guest of **Brian Goerd**
 Aiden Geordt, guest of **Brian Goerd**
 John Welling, guest of **John Rabine**
 Kay Downing, guest of **Tim Downing**
 Steve Foster, guest of **Carol Foster**
 Ken Brooks, BGC MV
 Jan Windmiller, guest of **Craig Windmiller**
 Isebel Kook, guest of **Tom Kook**

In all, 47 Bettendorf Rotarians attended and were joined by 11 guests and 22 students and staff from Bettendorf High School.

Missing today...

Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Crist, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Doty, Falk, Franks, Gallagher, Jr., Garlach, Gause, Gross, Hassel, Higgs, Ingleby, Keith, Kellenberger, Koellner, Kruse, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Mannix, Mannix, Marbach, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Morrison, Naab, Naeve, O'Brien, Pacha, Ploehn, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Schroeder, Scranton, Shea, Spykstra, Strusz, Thornton, Tombergs, Werner, Willsher, Wolfe, Worner, 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



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Dr. Julie Meyers** 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 \$\$*.

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary>

For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>

Upcoming meetings and more...

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



Saturday, Dec. 21: Christmas food baskets and toys distribution
Dec. 25: No meeting – Merry Christmas
Jan. 1, 2020: No meeting – Happy New Year
Jan. 8, 2020: Rotary Beatlemania!
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Red

Badge meeting, 6 p.m. at Tangled Wood restaurant

