



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
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## *Next meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020

## **We give back \$30,000 in grants to QC community**

For the first time since Bettendorf Rotary has been awarding grants to QC area not-for-profit organizations, we're hiking our total to \$30,000 – and we'll do that at next week's meeting.

The meeting begins at noon at Tanglewood Pavilion. We'll have an abbreviated opening, including the singing of a patriotic song, and then go straight into the awards, **President Carol Foster** said.

The awarding of these grants is the best statement of BRC's impact on the Quad City community. It's also an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends and prospective members to see the results of our fundraising efforts at LobsterFest – which last June topped \$100,000 in revenue for the first time.



Come a little early so you can finish lunch before the grants are presented.

## *Last meeting:*

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020



## **What do we like to discuss?**

**Harry Coin**, vocational service chair, opened the program at the Jan. 22 meeting with the observation that one reason we attend Rotary meetings is that we enjoy engaging each other in discussions. So he asked the members present, "What do you look forward to discussing" when you come to a Bettendorf Rotary lunch and meeting?

For the remainder of the program time, he walked



around the room with a microphone, passing it from member to member, who told each other what they liked to discuss (and, presumably, what they might like to learn more about at a future meeting). Here are some of the results – condensed and regrouped:

The most common thread running through our comments focused on the value of Rotary membership to us as individuals and as members of the QC community:

- At Rotary, everybody greets you
- Support or help for each other at times of need
- “Every week I meet a table full of experts...”
- Rotary’s impact on the community
- Hearing about what’s happening in the community
- Bettendorf 101 – all about how the city works
- Getting restaurant recommendations
- QC facts, history, “best-kept secrets”...



We also like to learn about opportunities to volunteer to serve the community:

- Contributions to the community – giving back
- Cleaning up after a disaster
- Joining the Bettendorf Public Library Board
- Working with Habitat for Humanity
- Serving meals on wheels
- Volunteering at a homeless men’s shelter

We appreciate learning more about each other and how we live our lives:

- Family... kids... pets... share pictures
- Caring for elderly family members
- Keeping one’s sanity in retirement
- Deepening one’s faith
- Helping people enjoy their life



And we like to hear each other’s stories:

- What interesting places others have visited and what they’ve done there
- Living abroad
- Travel – domestic and foreign
- Interesting experiences
- Others’ cultural heritage

We also like to find others who can share our special interests, hobbies, pastimes:

- Outlaw country music
- History of places around the country or around the globe
- Bird hunting
- Bicycling
- The arts, especially music and theatre
- Camping, canoeing, mountain biking, mountain climbing, skiing
- 1940s and ’50s music
- Geo-political affairs
- Wine tasting
- Woodworking
- Watching, playing sports, attending sports events
- Fashion trends
- Cars... car racing... vintage vehicles
- Ham radio

Some of us even want to discuss work:

- Dynamics of housing
- The inner workings of computers
- Learning about other members' businesses

These were not exhaustive lists, but they show how varied our interests – and topics for discussion – can be.

During all of those comments, as Harry said at the Jan. 15 meeting, he would be “taking notes so our greeters and membership boosters can connect you with guests and other members you’d enjoy. The hope is to boost how much we each look forward to our weekly meetings.”

### Announcements...

→**Unique piano recital:** At the end of the songfest, **Tom Howard** invited



everyone to a truly unique (literally, the only one of its kind) piano recital this Friday, Jan. 24. Husband-wife pianists Michael and Kyung Kim will perform

on a dual-keyboard piano – “the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere,” Tom said – at 7:30 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church. They will play works by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Ravel and Debussy. The Kims are scheduled to return Feb. 1-2 for a Masterworks performance of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra.

→**New club secretary:** **President Carol Foster** announced that the Board had hired Shelly Naumann, **Scott**’s wife, as

our new club secretary. She succeeds Johanna Blevins, who resigned to take employment elsewhere. Shelly’s first meeting will be Feb. 5. Carol thanked **Harry Coin** and **Larry Thein** for filling in the secretary’s duties during meetings.

→**BRC Impact Grant:** Carol announced the club’s first Impact Grant – a \$15,000 grant budgeted “to make a big impact on a project or organization in our community,” separate from the \$30,000 in grants that will be given to a number of not-for-profit recipients at next week’s meeting. She invited members to submit applications – or to urge organizations to apply. Applications are due Feb. 21. The BRC Board and its Charitable Grants Committee will decide on the recipient at the Board’s March meeting, Carol said.



“This is an exciting new opportunity to make an impact,” she added, “so think about organizations you are familiar with who could use this grant to make a difference in our community.”

→**Pinewood Derby:** **Frank Mitvalsky** asked for three volunteers to serve as judges for the Pinewood Derby to be staged by Cub Scout Pack 54, which BRC has adopted, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Paul Norton Elementary School. Three members quickly raised their hands. They will judge cars the Cubs have made in such categories as “best Scout theme,” “most patriotic,” “best sports car design” and others.

→**Yes, we will get Social:** At last week’s meeting, we were about to learn details of our next After-Work Social, when someone realized it would conflict with

reclaiming BRC's Putt-Around title (see below).

So, it was rescheduled: **5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Crawford Brew Works. 3659 Devils Glen Road.**

➔**Still time to Putt Around: A**

reminder: Last week **Beth Clark** issued a challenge to golfers to form teams of four to win back the Rotary Challenge title during the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Quad Cities 15<sup>th</sup> annual Putt Around miniature golf fundraiser at the River Center. The Rotary Challenge rolls out 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. After winning the title for several years, BRC lost it to Davenport Rotary last year. Some BRC teams were formed last week, but there's room for more. To sign up a team, go to [PuttAround.org](http://PuttAround.org),



**BRC Happy \$\$**

These Rotarians shared their happiness, and we together added **\$139** to our funds for community service:

**Phil Dunbridge** – Phil and two of his kids are in the cast of a play about the impact of the Holocaust on children, presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this weekend and next at the Black Box Theater in downtown Moline + a session on learning disabilities Feb. 4 at Rivermont Collegiate, which is to provide input for a course there next summer... **Jerry Higgs** – because of a

career change, he has to say goodbye to Bettendorf Rotary... **Pat Thornton** – attended first grandson's christening... **Brian Strusz** – PVHS is beginning the process of selecting the four students who will be sponsored by BRC at Iowa RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) this summer... **Tim Lane** – paying it forward assuming he'll have good news next week.

**The meeting opened...**

The bell rang, and **President Carol Foster** called the meeting to order. She led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." Carol led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops and offered support for Past President **Bill Daley**. In all, 48 Bettendorf Rotarians attended the meeting, but no visiting Rotarians or guests were present. Tom returned to lead the singing of "That Rotary Wheel" and "Edelweiss."



**Missing today...**

Ashby, Bennett, Blaske, Boeye, Bormann, Campion, Chambers, Christopher, Clark, Daley, Dobesh, Doland, Doty, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Garlach, Geordt, Gross, Hassel, Higgs, Ingleby, Kappeler, Keith, Kellenberger, Kraft, Kraus, Larsen, Lawrence, Lindle, McGimpsey, Mannix, Marbach, Meyers, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, Naumann, O'Brien, Osterberg, Ploehn, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schillig, Scranton, Shea, Sorensen, Tombergs, Werner, Windmiller, Wolfe, Worner, Wright and Yoder



### And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Pat Thornton** 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 program chair **Scott Naumann**, [scottnaumann@msn.com](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com), 563-505-7953:



**Saturday, Jan. 25:** Volunteer opportunity to aid the Genesis Pediatric Therapy Group, 2535 Maplecrest Rd, Bettendorf, beginning at 8 a.m.

**Jan. 29:** Presentation of 2020 BRC Charitable Grants,

Tanglewood Pavilion

**Thursday, Feb. 6:** After-Work Social beginning at 5 p.m. at Crawford Brew Works. 3659 Devils Glen Road.

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