



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020
Waterfront Convention Center

We'll be attending Mayor Bob's State of the City

Once a year we join the city's leaders and other service organizations to listen to **Mayor Bob Gallagher's** State of the City address at the Waterfront Convention Center. This year we'll do that in place of the Feb. 19 meeting.

The center's doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch service scheduled to begin at 11:30 with Mayor Bob's address beginning shortly after noon.



In this address, the mayor customarily reports on the condition of the city's services, facilities and finances, reviewing the issues addressed during the previous year and projecting those the city will face in the year ahead.

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His goal: Cycle Kids to Camp

As a young man in 1995, **Christian Butler** came to the Quad Cities from the United Kingdom to work as a camp counselor. He stayed – both to counsel youth and to be an active member of the QC community.

For much of that time, he pondered what more he could do to help kids, especially those whose means prevented them from enjoying and learning about nature in a camp setting.

Meanwhile, he pursued another passion – bicycling. He has always enjoyed participating in cross-country rides, and recently he and his wife rode in RAGBRAI (The Register’s Great Mike Ride Across Iowa).



That experience led him to place a bold goal on his “bucket list” – cycle across the United States. And that led

him to combine two of his passions into Cycling Kids to Camp.

Early next month he will travel to San Diego to start a 3,200-mile cycling journey that will take him over the next couple of months to St. Augustine, Fla. By doing that, Christian hopes to raise \$25,000 to send at least 100 kids a year – who otherwise couldn’t afford to go – to Camp Shalom, near Maquoketa, Iowa.



Christian introduced **Ton Bley**, director of the camp, who said that since its founding in 1976 Camp Shalom has provided about a thousand kids a year week-long

camping experiences in a non-denominational Christian atmosphere. About 15% of those kids, Tom said, are at-risk and attend without fees.

Christian plans to make his trip solo on a custom-built titanium bike, which generates electricity to power its lights and even has a USB port. He’ll carry all of his own gear on the bike – cooking equipment in front, camping gear and clothes in rear saddlebags.

Christian and his wife are members of an international cycling club and have hosted members in their home as they biked through the QC. He’s counting on members to do the same for him.

Presentations...



→ **Our Putt Around trophy is back!!** In her role as executive of Big Brothers Big Sisters, **Beth Clark** proudly announced that Bettendorf Rotary won the Rotary Challenge in BBBS’s annual Putt Around fundraiser – and the trophy was coming back to its rightful home.

She started to present the Rotary Challenge trophy to our championship team, when the team itself marched up to the rostrum. **Scott Naumann** (channeling a new alter-ego, let’s call him Scotty MacNaumann, because why wouldn’t a champion golfer be a Scotsman?), **Penny McGimpsey**, **Maria Osterberg** and **Will Doland** brought their own trophy to the front of the room

Sporting a kilt that, frankly, would not make **Brad Morrison** even a wee bit

envious, and speaking in a brogue that could sweeten a treacle tart, “Scotty MacNaumann” extolled the golfing prowess of his teammates and thanked Beth for the trophy. Although he did make it clear that such a prestigious victory really deserved a more... prestigious... trophy.



The BRC Putt Around team also included **Joe Pacha, Decker Ploehn, Tim Downing and John Rabine.**

As Beth thanked BRC’s golfers for their participation, she noted that this year’s Putt Around netted \$80,000 for BBBS.

➔**Paul Harris Fellow: Dick Hanzelka** received his first Paul Harris Fellow pin



from **S.K. Nanda**, signifying that he has completed the first \$1,000 in donations to the Rotary Foundation. S.K. explained that subsequent \$1,000

increments earn donors a series of bejeweled pins that culminate in a diamond-adorned pin at a total of \$10,000 in Foundation donations.

Announcements...

➔**Impact Grant deadline nears:**

President Carol Foster said Feb. 21 is the deadline for submitting an application for BRC’s new \$15,000 BRC Impact Grant. This is the first year for the grant that “is designed to make a big impact on a project or organization in our community.” She emphasized that the grant can go to a project that needs less than the full \$15,000. After the deadline, she explained, the BRC Board and the Charitable Giving Committee will meet in early March to decide on the project that will receive the Impact Grant.



➔**BettenDo Project. Brian Goerdt** asked new members – who have joined BRC in about

the last year – to give him suggestions for a BettenDo Project this spring. While BettenDo is intended as a project primarily for new members to



complete in one session (such as last spring’s planting of shrubs and rose bushes at the Col. Davenport House on Arsenal Island), any member is welcome to suggest a project and work on it.

➔**Reminder for check-writers:** When a member writes a check, such as for an anniversary or birthday at Happy \$\$ time, Carol explained that it should be made payable to the Quad City Community

Foundation – with Bettendorf Rotary Club on the “for” or “memo” line. That way it will be deposited in the BRC account at the Community Foundation.

➔ **Rotary Youth Exchange: Harry Coin** announced that BRC intends to sponsor a Rotary Youth Exchange



student again this year. To make that happen, two members are needed to serve as liaison with host families – and he invited members to consider being one of the host families. RYE

students live for three months with each host family, he explained. “The club has budgeted funds for expenses outside the home. Inside the home, the student is treated as a member of the family,” Harry said.

BRC Happy \$\$\$...



Rotarians added a total of **\$223** to BRC’s coffers – with these members adding more to celebrate their happiness: **Steve Sorenson** – good to be back after surgery to

repair an Achilles tendon + thanks to **John Rabine** for transporting him to today’s meeting... **Steve Pieart** – celebrating 56th wedding anniversary... **Jerry Felsing** – his wife is now gainfully employed... **Shawn Langan** – happy 55th birthday... **Decker Ploehn** – he explained how BRC “lost” the Rotary

Challenge last year: our team shot 89 and victory seemed certain until a Moline Optimist showed up with a scorecard with a 69 at the bottom – although Decker said there were irregularities on the card... **Kevin Kraft** – invited veterans who have not yet had their name inscribed on an obelisk at the Bettendorf Veterans Memorial Park to fill out an application by the April 1 deadline to have it in place for Memorial Day (next deadline: Sept. 15 for Veterans Day)... **Dr. Tom Olson** – paying for pun-ishing us, he said he didn’t want **Steve Sorenson** to think he was a heel... and he congratulated our Putt Around champs, noting he thought **Will Doland** was a diamond in the rough (that’s what he said)... **Penny McGimpsey** – excited that Don Farber is considering becoming a member.



The meeting opened...

At the sound of the bell, **President Carol Foster** called the meeting to order, extended greetings and led the recitation of the Rotary 4-Way Test. **Tom**

Howard, with accompaniment by pianist **Tewanta Lopez**, led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America.” Carol led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, when we remembered our troops, and learned that **Carrie Lamb**’s Dad was having health issues.

Club Secretary Shelley Naumann introduced visitors. In all, 46 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, and they were joined by 5 guests and 1 visiting Rotarian.

Visiting Rotarian:

Jeno Berta, Iowa Quad Cities Rotary

Guests:

Tewanta Lopez, pianist, plus:

Josh Whitson, prospective member

Shawn Stuenkel, guest of **Christy Gause**

Don Farber, guest of **Kevin Kraft**

Christian Butler, Cycling Kids to Camp (speaker)

Tom Bley, Camp Shalom (guest of speaker)

After introductions, Tom and Tewanta returned to lead the singing of “Where It Began...” BRC’s very own song, adapted by Carol Foster from Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline.” With a nod to Valentine’s Day this Friday, we also sang “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” – twice (omitting the pronouns the second time through: “Let __ call __ Sweetheart...”)

Missing today...

Ahmed, Ashby, Bennett, Boeye, Bormann, Chambers, Christopher, Cochran, Crist, Daley, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doty, Dunbridge, Franks, Garlach, Hassel, Kappeler, Kellenberger, Kruse, Lamb, Larsen, Lawrence, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mannix, Meyers, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, O'Brien, Paisley, Paplinski, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarver, Schillig, Schneden, Scranton, Shea, Simons, Spykstra, Thornton, Tombergs, Werner, Windmiller, Wolfe, Worner, Wright, Yoder



And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Shawn Langan** 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-ups...

Erica Schroeder, North Scott Rotary

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



Feb. 19: State of the City address by **Mayor Bob Gallagher** doors open at 11 a.m. at Waterfront Convention Center

Watch this space for:
→ Upcoming meetings
→ The next social
→ BettenDo project
→ And, of course...

June 13: LobsterFest, Tanglewood Pavilion



Rotary Foundation Minute

[Editor's Note: This is the first in what we hope will be a recurring feature of *BRC News*: A Foundation Minute that Rotary International prepares for us. These two stories are "inspired by The Rotary Foundation's mission to '... enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty'."]

➔ **Water wells in Kenya:** Six members of the Rotary Club of Chippenham, UK, joined representatives of WellBoring, a Chippenham-based charity, on a trip to Kisumu, Kenya. They were there to commission their jointly-funded project: 13 drilled water wells at the cost of 65,000 Pound Sterling (\$83,805.US). The beneficiaries of this gift are the residents of Kisumu and its environs, numbering over 15,000 people.

"Prior to now, they've been carrying water from rivers, streams or Lake Victoria, in some instances over lengthy distances," explained Rick Squires, the grant's coordinator and member of the Chippenham Rotary Club. "This mission is a great example of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self."

The project was undertaken in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Kisumu, Kenya.

➔ **Ambulances in India:** As part of its social service initiative to facilitate speedy treatment during "golden hour," the Rotary Club of Dharwad Central, India, donated two hi-tech ambulances to the Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commission. The accident-relief and cardiac-care ambulances have been funded under the Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Service project and the Ravi Bhopalapur Foundation.

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