



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2020
Tanglewood Pavilion

We may be challenged a bit, so come prepared...

The scheduled speaker at the Feb. 27 meeting is **Melissa Pepper**, president of Total Solutions, which provides payroll, information technology, accounting, marketing and human-resources services to QC small businesses. She's also founder of LeadHer, the mentoring non-profit organization that we became acquainted with a few months ago.



About her time with us next week, Program Chair **Scott Naumann** says, "She's going to talk about 'What's up'. Might center on things she's reading, researching, experiencing, or feeling... We're still working on options, but want to engage the Rotarians in conversation."

Here are some other highlights from her resume: mother of two small boys... graduated from Augustana College in 2009... earned a master's degree in business administration from University of Iowa's Tippie School of Business.

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Mayor Bob cites city growth, plans

Mayor Bob Gallagher's State of the City address at the Waterfront Convention Center took the place of our Feb. 19 meeting. **Bettendorf Rotary President Carol Foster** welcomed the nearly 200 citizens and city government officials gathered at the Waterfront

Convention Center – and then joined the crowd to hear the mayor’s report on the status of the city.

He focused on growth – commercial, residential and city services – during the past year, and projected into this and coming years.

The specific accomplishments Bob described fit into the five “Goals 2025,” which have provided structure to all eight years of his time as mayor so far:

- Financially sound city providing quality services
- Orderly growth and quality development
- Growing current businesses and attracting new ones
- Riverfront and downtown development – to produce a “destination for living, working and entertainment”
- Resulting in Bettendorf as the premier place to live in the Quad Cities



The Gallaghers enjoyed lunch with mayors of other cities before the address

As he has in past State of the City addresses, the mayor underscored what he termed “the great value” of Bettendorf’s financial management – it has the lowest general fund levy among



Mayors Mike Matson, Davenport, and Stephanie Acri, Moline attended the address

all 38 of Iowa’s cities with 10,000 or greater population. And Bettendorf citizens pay just 2.87% of household income for the city’s services, he said.

One service that will see improvement this year, he reported, will be the addition of six full-time firefighters, so all stations will have 24 / 7 staffing. That will require a hike in the property tax levy of 30 cents, he said.

Other city services that have seen improvement – and will see more progress this year – range from new storm and sanitary sewer lines downtown to resurfacing or rebuilding of some major streets, installation of city-wide broadband access to completion of the westbound lanes of the Interstate-74 Bridge over the Mississippi River and the highway’s lanes in the city.

No part of the city has seen – and will continue to see – big changes more than the downtown. After major demolition of streets and structures a few short years ago, the area is reemerging with the completion of The Bridges residential high-rise and the new Ascentra Credit Union headquarters. Construction is about to begin on a multi-use building across the street from The Bridges and

extensive upgrades in the appearance of many downtown buildings.

New commercial development has appeared – or soon will be completed – around the TBK Sports Complex at Middle Road and I-80; at AAA Court along Middle Road near Devils Glen; at the roundabout on Middle Road; on the land formerly occupied by The Lodge at Spruce Hills and Utica Ridge, and elsewhere in the city.

Meanwhile, Mayor Bob said, the city’s residential stock is increasing at the rate of 140 new single-family houses a year – and a number of multi-unit housing developments underway.

Looking ahead to improvements in city amenities, the mayor reported on a feasibility study, and financing that will require a referendum, for building a new fitness center and community swimming pool complex.

Along with expansion of facilities, he described the growing activities and events at existing leisure-time facilities, such as the Public Library, Family Museum and Faye’s Field at the Learning Campus; Frozen Landing; Palmer Hills Golf Course, and more.

Announcements...

All regular meeting features were omitted, but here are some reminders of last week’s announcements:

→ **Impact Grant** deadline is Friday, Feb. 21, for submitting an application for BRC’s new \$15,000 BRC Impact Grant.

→ **BettenDo Project** suggestions should go to **Brian Goerdt** for a BettenDo Project for BRC to complete this spring.

→ **Rotary Youth Exchange** is planned for this year; contact **Harry Coin** if

you’d like to learn more about being a host family, or participating in some other way.

The meeting opened...

President Carol Foster delivered the welcome to the 2020 Bettendorf State of the City Address by **Mayor Bob Gallagher**. All regular features of a Bettendorf Rotary Club meeting were omitted.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann reported the club’s attendance at the event: 39 Bettendorf Rotarians attended, and they invited 3 guests to join them:

Guests:

Mylene Hanzelka, guest of **Dick Hanzelka**

Jennifer Coin, guest of **Harry Coin**

Ann Florence, guest of **George Coin**



Missing today...

Ahmed, Ashby, Blevins, Boeye, Bormann, Brooks, Campion, Chambers, Christopher, Clark, Cochran, Daley, DeDoncker, Dobesh, Doland, Doty, Dunbridge, Falk, Felsing, Franks, Garlach, Geordt, Hassel, Ingleby, Keith, Kellenberger, Koellner, Kraft, Kruse, Larsen, Lawrence, Lindle, Lokenvitz, Loweth, Mielnik, Mitvalsky, Mohr, Naab, Naeve, O’Brien, Olson, Pacha, Paplinski, Raso, Ricketts-McCool, Ross, Sarcee, Schroeder, Schwab, Scranton, Shea, Sherrick, Sorensen, Thornton, Werner, Willsher, Windmiller, Wolfe, Worner, Wright, Yoder

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. 26: Melissa Pepper, president of Total Solutions and founder of LeadHer mentoring organization

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: The District 6000 Rotary Foundation Team shares these reports with us to provide a glimpse into the good work The Rotary Foundation does around the world.]

→**Special club programs:** “This year, members from some of the 33,000 clubs scattered among 535 districts in 34 zones in more than 200 countries will be involved in special programs for their clubs... In his latest message published in the March 2020 edition of *The Rotarian*, Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang implores Rotarians to ‘continue to cultivate virtue, examine and analyze what we learn, move toward righteousness based on our new knowledge, and keep improving everything we do.’ With regards to TRF’s core goals, several clubs are already harkening to the advice.

→**Ideas for health projects:** “At the Rotary India Centennial Summit, which just concluded in Newtown, West Bengal, 4,000 members from 35 countries, along with government officials, explored ideas and solutions for disease prevention and treatment, water sanitation, hygiene and education.

“Addressing the participants at the summit, RI President Mark Maloney said, ‘As we celebrate our impact over the last 100 years in India, I’m inspired

by these creative solutions to some of our toughest challenges, from economic inequality to conflict resolution to fighting disease.’

➔ **6 polio-free years in India:** “During the service year of 2018-19, The Rotary Foundation supported projects in India worth \$22.81 million (USD).... Recognizing India’s role in the eradication of Polio, this March Rotary will join India in celebrating its 6th polio-free year. Since 1995, Rotary has worked with the Indian government to institute a National Immunization Day each year to immunize 172 million children under 5 years old.

➔ **Global Grant aids disease fight:** “Disease prevention was a top priority for Rotary District 7070 (Toronto, Ontario, Canada) when it handed over a high-tech toilet complex to the Wandse Proper Primary School in Kundapura, India. The \$90,873 USD project was funded through a Global Grant. Rotary District 3182 (Kundapura, India) and the Rotary Club of Whitby-Sunrise, Ontario, Canada, contributed to the project.

“Unveiling the plaque for the toilet complex, Past District 3182 Governor Abhinandan Shetty Kundapura, expressed gratitude to TRF for the grant and disclosed that another Global Grant of \$39,145 USD has been approved for the Narayana Special School, Kundapura, India. Finally, Global Grant Program Coordinator G. Sridhar Shetty said that an additional Global Grant worth \$23,068 USD has provided funds for a “smart class” school vehicle for the school’s technical training staff.



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