



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS... in the time of Covid-19

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*Next meeting:*  
Tanglewood Pavilion and ZOOM  
July 29, 2020



## Augie professor wonders: what will grandkids say?

For the July 29 meeting, Augustana College Prof. **Daniel E. Lee** will explore the question “What Will Our Grandchildren Say about Us?” – via ZOOM from a cabin in Montana, where he’s spending the summer. (**Brian Goerd**t will set up the technology to make it work.)

A member of the Augustana faculty since 1974, Dan Lee is the Marian Taft Cannon Professor in the Humanities and director of the Augustana Center for the Study of Ethics. [Read more: [page 5.](#)]

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## Covid-19-adapted plays and more...

When she was a member of BRC, **Lora Adams** would read “the news” at meetings – that is, the quirky stuff that never made it into regular news programs or publications. She reprised a sample of that role at the July 22 meeting, before

she updated us on what she's been doing in the intervening years.

But first, the "news" – well, some of it: Dateline Newport, Ore.: police asked citizens to please not call 911 when they couldn't find toilet paper at a store.... Dateline somewhere in Idaho: trying for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, a man stuck 19 chopsticks in a distant archery target in 60 seconds, narrowly missing the 20<sup>th</sup> stick... Dateline, somewhere in Minnesota: a man was reported walking in a lake on 11-foot-high stilts...

Leaving that behind, Lora filled in the blanks about what she's been doing at WQPT-TV, the QC's Public Broadcasting station, and what's happening at The Black Box Theatre of the QC, 1623 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Moline.



At WQPT she's producing three documentaries of interest to the QC area:  
→A history of the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival, in its 35<sup>th</sup> year  
→The Suffragette movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries to secure the right to vote for women, focusing on the QC. She said this coincides with an exhibition at The Putnam Museum of "labor-saving" devices for the home at that time.

→A unique home in Savannah, Ill., that is full of the paintings and sculptures done by its artist owner.

Turning from her "day job," Lora said the Black Box's production of "The Turn of the Screw" by Jeffrey Hatcher – adapted so two actors play the four roles – is about to open for four performances. It was in rehearsal when Covid-19 shut the doors on all performance venues, she said, and after a while they stopped. When it became OK for live performances to resume – with restrictions, she said her theatre, which can seat a maximum audience of 60, was able to open for an audience of 26 – spaced in designated seats. After Thursday's debut, performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday; tickets are \$16.

Because of Covid-19, the doors will open 15 minutes before curtain, temperatures will be taken, and masks must be worn. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Future productions Lora said she's working on include:

→A radio-play version of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps," adapted for Covid-19 conditions, in August  
→A musical with a two-person cast – which will have to be performed with greater distance between players and audience because of the virus – based on the Leopold and Loeb trial  
→A one-person show she's developing based on her late mother's experiences with Alzheimer's.

Realizing "audiences are started for entertainment," Lora said she will continue to look for ways to fill that void – as she praised other QC arts and artists, such as the "curb-side concerts" available at the River Music Experience in downtown Davenport.



## New-member induction...

→ Since all the paperwork wasn't available last week, **S.K. Nanda** made it official this week, inducting **Eric Reinsch** as BRC's newest member. An Iowa State grad (Go, Cyclones!) who grew up in central Iowa, heads a team of about 30 engineers at the KJWW consulting engineering firm in Rock Island. He and his wife Nicole, who teaches kindergarten in Davenport, are parents of Max, 6, and Miles, 7.

## Announcements...

→ **Golf Outing:** **Larry Thein** and **Dean Kraus** are leading the planning for BRC's annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Here are details, from the email Shelly sent out earlier in the week:

"Please sign up early and email Dean ([DKraus@bankorion.com](mailto:DKraus@bankorion.com)) or Larry ([larry@larrythein.com](mailto:larry@larrythein.com)) for any questions" or to sponsor a hole – \$100 per. "You can also fill out the form and email it or bring it to Rotary," the email advised.

For golf, the cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome – which automatically includes dinner. Non-golfing dinner guests cost \$10.

Shelly's email also included:

- "Everyone tees off, select best drive, everyone plays from there, repeat until ball is holed
- "Two putt max on each green.
- "There will be three flights; prizes will go to the winning team in each flight.
- "Ties will be decided by card-back starting with the #1 handicap holes (3).
- "There will also be prize for last place."
- Hole Events: Hole # 2 longest drive (men)... Hole # 5 longest drive (women)... Hole # 9 longest putt... Hole # 13 closest to pin (men)... Hole # 17 closest to pin (women)
- First tee time is 10:58 a.m.



→ **Oktoberfest:** Mark your calendar for this year's main fundraiser, Oktoberfest, 3-7 p.m., Oct. 3 at a tent just outside Tanglewood Pavilion. As the promotional piece unveiled earlier this week says, "What could be better than beer, brats, music, (silent) auctions, raffles and social distancing...?" The idea is to come, enjoy the event for part of the time and greet friends – but not overstay your Wilkommen during Covid-19. Tickets – \$30 in advance (which will include a 16-oz. ale glass) or \$35 at the

door – will go on sale soon. **Gwen Tombergs, Tim Lane** and **Ann Kappeler** are leading the planning committees.



## BRC Happy \$\$...

**President Rick Bormann** roamed the room with the mic to enable these Rotarians to share their happiness (with much thanks to **Shelly Naumann** and her good notes): **Tim Lane** – 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary and daughter married on the same day two weeks ago... **Jerry Felsing** – going fishing before long... **Mark Carlson** (at least it sounded like him over ZOOM) – son at Iowa State accepted into MBA program... **Scott Naumann** – kudos to BRC leaders for ensuring the club can meet in person – responsibly – and thanks for all who are attending... **Ken Vandersnick** – congratulations to **Larry Thein**'s son, a star catcher on the DeWitt baseball team, as a sophomore – and kudos to 5 of the 10 MAC girls softball teams – including Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley, plus PV boys baseball team – that made it to state tourneys... **Rick Bormann** – we need to fine Larry for that plug about his son... **Maria Osterberg** (via ZOOM) – daughter now 4 months old... **Larry Thein** (also via ZOOM) – thanks to Ken for the kind words about his son... **Decker Ploehn** – thankful **Ken Vandersnick** keeps us up to date by reading the *QC Times* every day.



Moment of Silence as seen on ZOOM

## The meeting opened...

In the 16<sup>th</sup> week of Covid-19, BRC met, with 33 members and guests at Tanglewood Pavilion and 8 members attending via ZOOM.

**President Rick Bormann** called the meeting to order, and he led the recitation of the 4-Way Test, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. **S.K. Nanda** asked that we honor our troops, and **Tom Mielnik** asked us to remember all whose lives are being affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

**Tom Howard** sang the chorus of “This Is My Country,” the day’s patriotic song. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced the guests: Mark Carlson of the Moline Rotary; Tony Grau, the guest of **Tim Lane**; and Teri Calhoun Taylor, the guest of **Ken Vandersnick**.



## And at the end...

... of the meeting today, **Tim Lane** 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 \$\$*.

## Upcoming meetings and more...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953; [scottnaumann@msn.com](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com):



**July 29:** Augustana Prof. **Daniel E. Lee:** “What Will Our Grandchildren Say about Us?”

**Sept. 16:** No regular meeting – because it’s BRC’s annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf

Course

**Saturday, Oct. 3: Oktoberfest at Tanglewood Pavilion, 3-7 p.m.**

Watch this space for what else is coming up on the BRC calendar...

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**Next meeting...**

**July 29 meeting, continued:**

Dan Lee’s teaching responsibilities include courses in business ethics and medical ethics. On a two-year cycle, he teaches a course entitled “Faiths in Dialogue,” after which he and the

students enrolled in the course spend 12 days in Rome visiting sites of significance, attending an audience with the pope, and meeting with church officials and other individuals to talk about issues discussed in the course. Marian Taft Cannon Professor in the

Born in the mountains of Montana as World War II was nearing its conclusion, he began his formal education in a two-room country school, where the teacher allowed students to run outside to look at airplanes when one flew over.

A summa cum laude graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., he received the M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University, where they don’t run outside to look at airplanes.



## Rotarians elsewhere...

**District 6000 Governor...**

**150-Ton Welcome Train set to roll off-track through Boone**



District 6000 Gov. **Steve Dakin** and the other members of the Rotary Club of Boone have been working a long time renovating train cars that were scheduled to be moved on July 22-23 and placed

near Highway 30 to welcome visitors to Boone.

The historic steam locomotive, coal tender and passenger car weighing more than 300,000 pounds were set to roll down the town's streets to their new site.

The central Iowa community is known for its railroad heritage and its Welcome Train has been a long-term project of the Rotary Club of Boone.

As weather permitted, the plan was for heavy-hauler trucks to move the passenger car on the morning of Wednesday, July 22. Later that day, the coal tender was to follow. And the most complicated move was take place on Thursday, July 23, when the enormous 2-8-0 steam locomotive was scheduled to wind its way through streets of Boone.

Proud to be a Rotarian,  
Steve Dakin, District Governor 2020-21  
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### **The Rotary Foundation Minute...**

[Thanks to **S.K. Nanda**, BRC's Rotary Foundation chair]

### **Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Month of Transition!**

Two weeks ago, The Foundation Minute reported on the \$50,000 Global Grant Scholarship that was awarded to Kate Hart to pursue a master's degree in Israel. Well, TRF has awarded Alisha Ault with a \$40,00 Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship, to pursue a master's degree in Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, England. The 2015 alumna of the University of Virginia is multi-lingual, fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and English, has lived and worked among the poor in Guatemala, Brazil and Equatorial Guinea. The talented awardee majored in foreign affairs, Spanish literature and

culture, with a minor in Latin American Studies.

The Rotary Foundation Global Grant funds graduate-level coursework or research in one of The Rotary Foundation's 7 areas of focus, for up to four academic years. In consonance with TRF's emphasis on supporting education and alleviating poverty, Ms. Ault will study for an advanced degree that will allow her to contribute to the reduction of poverty and improvement of quality of life of those less fortunate than herself, particularly in developing countries like those she had lived and grown up in. She states, "I have known that I wanted to work in international development since I was an undergraduate at UVA."

Impressed by the significant award given to Ms. Ault, the assistant dean of global affairs at UVA's McIntire School of Commerce said that the awarding of this scholarship "gives us a chance each year to meet some of the brightest UVA students, who also share Rotary's interest in positively impacting our world.... We welcome the chance to feature such outstanding students pursuing graduate programs outside of the United States, especially at this moment when international and intercultural education are so critical to the advancement of civil society."

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