



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

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Next meeting:
Tanglewood Pavilion and ZOOM
Sept. 9, 2020

Mike Naig, Iowa secretary of agriculture, to visit

The scheduled speaker at our Sept. 9 meeting is **Mike Naig**, Iowa's current secretary of agriculture. He speaks during a year when he's had to deal with the effects of pandemic, derecho and drought – and the year's only two-thirds over.



Mike was elected as the 15th Iowa Secretary of Agriculture in November 2018. In that office, he is “focused on expanding our markets, promoting careers in agriculture and improving water quality and land stewardship,” according to department information.

He “is committed to leading efforts to expand economic opportunities for Iowans and is an advocate on behalf of the hard-working men and women who keep us fed and fueled.”

He was graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake with degrees in biology and political science. He and his wife Jaime are parents of three boys.

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An adventure on carrier USS T.R.

As a member of the Quad Cities Defense Alliance, which includes both military and civilian local leaders, Scott County Supervisor **Tony Knobbe** recently spent a day aboard the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Teddy Roosevelt 100 miles at sea off its home base at San Diego. He shared video and a narrative of that adventure with Bettendorf Rotary at the Sept. 2 meeting.

Here are some highlights of what those 12 QC visitors experienced – Tony showed video, but you'll have to make do with your memory of movies such as “Tom Gun” (to which Tony often made reference):

The 12 visitors flew to the TR aboard a C-2 Greyhound, a small Navy transport. Their seats faced the rear of the plane because the landing on the carrier flight

deck went from 100 mph to zero in 2 seconds – thanks to the tail-hook.

Tony shot video of numerous takeoffs and landings by Navy and Marine aviators aboard their F-16 Hornet and Super Hornet fighters from behind a line right on the ship's flight line. "If we stepped over that line, all activity ceased," he said.

He described the intricacy of a carrier landing: the ship is moving ahead at 25 knots... at 200 mph, the plane approaches at about a 90-degree angle from the aft... the plane quickly banks left to approach the landing – but the pilot can't actually see the flight deck, so he or she watches a "ball" of lights, red-yellow-green, to land on green... the tail-hook catches one of four cables on deck... the jet stops, taxis to the side – and the next plane lands about a minute later. If the tail-hook misses a cable, F-16 goes around for another turn at landing.



As the video rolled, Tony continued his group's visit to other sites aboard ship:
→The steam-powered catapult that launches planes on takeoff
→The bridge, or command center, which, among many other things, displays the location of each aircraft
→Aircraft maintenance bays; "The average age of all U.S. military aircraft is 28 years," Tony said.

- The tail-hook apparatus below the flight deck
- Sick bay, with full medical facilities – hospital, dental and psychological counseling
- The chapel
- The compartment where the massive anchor chains – 260 pounds per link – are stored
- The very compact space where crew members sleep in bunks three tiers high

Tony's group of visitors also:

- Met the admiral who commands the multi-ship task force of which the TR is the flag-ship
- Were briefed on how an aircraft carrier is resupplied with everything from food to aircraft replacement parts and jet fuel
- Learned that one key piece of in-flight equipment is manufactured by a Davenport company

The United States has 12 aircraft carriers, Tony said. India has two, and no other navy has more than one, he said.

Announcements...

→→Remember the ~~Octoberfest on Oct. 3?~~ In case you missed the update, the coronavirus nixed it... But: The

committee that had been planning the 'Fest has created a new event – essentially expanding the auction action from LobsterFest into a



4-day extravaganza that will start at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21 (at our meeting) and run through 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. **Ann Kappeler** provided more information at this week's meeting:

Ann named it "**The Rotary Fund Frenzy**" and gave members time to

brainstorm during the meeting to add ideas for items to bid on during the auction – examples:

→**Tim Lane** is offering a deck party with a Mississippi River view

→**Gwen Tombergs** and **Monica Kruse** will wrap Christmas presents for you

→Ann Kappeler’s husband Jim will bring an oriole feeder to your yard

→**Peter Paisley** offered two fully produced advertising spots for a bidder’s business from KLJB-TV

→**S.K. Nanda** will open his “wine vault” to deliver two attractively packaged, highly rated bottles

→**Harry Coin** offered two very different items – a “Texas-style brisket” for 12 and a complete tune-up for a computer

→**Ken Vandersnick** and **John Rabine** are teaming up to provide someone a case of wine

→And there was murmuring among denizens of the ZOOM crowd to bring Christmas caroling to a high-bidder’s home this coming Yule season.

Meanwhile, to ensure that BRC’s charitable giving goes on as in more normal times, it was announced that the Board had budgeted \$25,000 for grants – and the invitation for applications for those grants has been published.

→**Golf Outing:** With two weeks left before this hotly contested athletic event, which takes the place of a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** emailed lists of sponsors and golfers, asking that we confirm whether we had paid.

If you haven’t yet paid the \$65-per-person golf fee or \$100 sponsorship fee (might as well include the \$10 per guest if you’re just going for dinner), Shelly asks that you please do so by the Sept. 9 meeting – or mail a check in payment to:

Bettendorf Rotary

P.O. Box 133

Bettendorf IA 52722

Remember to note on the memo line what you’re paying for.



→**ZOOM improvement:** Thanks – especially from members who attend the weekly meetings via ZOOM – to **Brian Goerd** who installed a second monitor. Now members away from the meeting room can see both who’s speaking from the rostrum ... and who’s still munching on lunch after the program starts.



→**Run with Carl:** **Rick Bormann** asked members to tell how they’re doing with the virtual version of Run with Carl. **Will Doland**, via ZOOM, said he had decided to “just go out and run it.” **S.K. Nanda** responded that he and **Fred Anderson** had been covering one mile at a time. Rick reminded every member who logs 5 miles or more, running or walking, by Labor Day – it’s this Monday – to post a **selfie of yourself**

covering the distance at #RWC2020 by that date.

To donate to the Carl D. Schillig Memorial Fund, go to the Website – <https://www.runwithcarl.com> – and hit the “click here to donate” button.

BRC Happy \$\$...



President Rick Bormann took the mic around the room so these Rotarians could share their happiness:

Tim Lane – congratulated members who “rose to the occasion” last week and pledged \$3,500 to the District 6000 disaster relief fund to help Rotarians in areas hard-hit by the derecho as they help their communities – and he said members could still add to that number by donating at today’s meeting... **Craig Windmiller** – was visiting grandson last week so missed the meeting – but added \$100 to the D6000 relief fund... **Ann Kappeler** – deadline for submitting items for the “Rotary Fund Frenzy” is **Sept. 30**.

The meeting opened...

Meeting for the 21st time in the age of Covid-19 at Tanglewood Pavilion and via ZOOM, the meeting came to order at the sound of the bell. **President Rick Bormann** led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Via ZOOM, **Tom Howard** sang “God Bless America,” the day’s patriotic song. Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops (thanks to **S.K. Nanda**), supported those suffering because of the coronavirus pandemic (thanks to **Tom Mielnik**) – and remembered those in the community who are struggling (**Mike Simons** and **Dr.**

Tom Olson) – but they were too far away from a microphone for your reporter in ZOOM-land to hear what they waid.

September birthdays: 09, **Todd Larsen**; 12, **Kurt Lokenvitz**; 21, **Jeff Doty**; 24, **Dick Paplinski**; 29, **Harry Coin**.

Before the meeting, **Joe Champion**, who was honored at last week’s meeting as the Rotarian of the Quarter, sent an email sharing these thoughts:

“... I would like to thank the board for the surprise I received at the meeting last week. Surprise, because we have so many members that do so many great things on a daily basis and to be singled out for the award had to be difficult on your part. I was humbled and honored, so thank you.

“The FOUR-WAY TEST is a great barometer of how we conduct ourselves as a civic/service organization. Perhaps we need a FIFTH question:

“5) Did I make a difference today?”



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Tim Lane** won the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in the drawing from among all who shared happiness in this week’s BRC Happy \$\$.

BRC News staff...

Special thanks to Harry Coin for photography at today’s meeting
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Upcoming meetings and more...

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



Sept. 9: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig

Sept. 16: No regular meeting – it's BRC's annual Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course

Sept. 30: Deadline

for submitting auction items for "The Rotary Frenzy" fundraiser

Oct. 21-24: "The Rotary Fund Frenzy"

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



Rotarians elsewhere...



The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

It's the Final Week of Rotary International's Month of Membership and Extension!

In order for a Global Grant to move forward, the grant must have a host

district and club and an international sponsor district and club to partner with them. Both clubs and all other partners, both international and domestic, must work together to see the project to fruition.

Rotary Clubs of Sydney-Sunrise, Sydney and New Waterford (D-7820) in Australia and the Yerevan Rotary Club of Armenia (D-2452) worked together on a Global Grant awarded by TRF. The \$57,210 (USD) award was for an upgrade of medical equipment and supplies for the Nork Hospital of Infectious Disease in Yerevan. Jack D'Orsay, chair of the joint committee, said the grant has helped save many lives, given the global pandemic. "The work makes me feel useful and I am very aware that living conditions in second and third world countries are worse than ever.

Involvement with the international work is both rewarding and extremely gratifying. We have actually been able to save lives with the equipment we have provided, and that is really satisfying."

Another joint effort resulting in an impressive award was spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Maple Grove (MN) and the Indian Association of Minnesota, an organization representing over 50,000 Asian Indians in Minnesota. TRF awarded the duo a \$60,000 (USD) Global Grant for distribution of Covid-19 medical equipment and supplies to essential frontline workers in Minnesota. The Rotary Clubs of Brooklyn Park, MN; Thane West, Thane Lake City, and Kaylan Riverside were among contributing clubs. The Global Grant will supply surgical gowns, caps, hand sanitizers and thermometers to essential frontline healthcare workers. Part of the funds will be used to provide 10,000 meals and equivalent groceries to area

food banks for families experiencing food insecurity.

August 2020 saw us still battling with Covid-19, then surprised us with the derecho. Both disasters have been handled with much empathy by Rotarians and TRF.

“Rotary International’s masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities....” – Paulo Costa, 1990-91 President of Rotary International.

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Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Editor, Foundation Minute

Also from the Rotary Foundation...

A new way to raise funds for TRF

There’s a new way you can raise funds for The Rotary Foundation. Our new peer-to-peer fundraising platform, Raise for Rotary, is now live in English! This new fundraising tool is easy to use, shareable on social media, and gives donors recognition credit!

Setting up a fundraiser with Raise for Rotary is simple and fast. You can support specific Rotary causes, such as the areas of focus, fighting polio, or disaster response. And your fundraiser is easy to share with your friends and family — especially on social media.

Anyone who gives through Raise for Rotary using the email address they use for other Rotary functions, such as their My Rotary account, will receive Rotary giving credit and recognition.

External fundraising platforms have their own fee structures, rules and guidelines.

By creating our own platform, more of the funds you’re raising go directly toward Doing Good in the World.

With Raise for Rotary, you can tie your fundraiser to an event such as a birthday or athletic endeavor, or you can create a custom occasion. Have you given up haircuts because of Covid-19 and are willing to shave your head? Do you have a skill like juggling or quilting? Turn these things into fundraisers — the options are endless.

No matter how you choose to fundraise, the donations you generate help us make an even bigger impact around the world.



Rotary District 6000 governor...

A dose of humor, with which DG Steve Dakin begins each week...

“I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.”

Proud to be a Rotarian,
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District 6000 governor 2020-21
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<https://www.rotary.org/>