



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

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Sept. 16, 2020, 23rd Covid issue

Next meeting:
Tanglewood Pavilion and ZOOM
Sept. 23, 2020



How Rotary District 6000 Foundation does its work

Former District 6000 Gov. **Chris Knapp** will visit us Sept. 23. Now, as District 6000 Foundation chair, he will discuss “how our Foundation works, (and) what we need to do to support it so that we get the biggest return from it.”

Chris – DG in 2016-2017 – and his wife, **Vernetta**, are longtime members of the A.M. Rotary Club of Iowa City. Active in Rotary at many levels up to International Conventions, they are Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society and Major Donors.

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Golf Outing draws lots of support

BRC’s annual Golf Outing on Sept. 16 saw the largest turnout in recent years – 20 teams of four golfers – and huge support from sponsors, as Bettendorf Rotary continues to make adjustments to the coronavirus pandemic.

In years before BRC brought LobsterFest to the QC community – and it became our largest fundraiser – the Golf Outing was a major source of funds to support our charitable giving.

Then the pandemic changed everything. We had to cancel the 2020 LobsterFest to help prevent the spread of the virus’s Covid-19 illness.

So, BRC adjusted – and one of the most fun ways we did that was to elevate the fundraising of the Golf Outing. That meant 80 golfers socially distanced across Palmer Hills Golf Course in pursuit of little white balls.

Even more significantly to BRC’s fundraising, it caused a tremendous outpouring of sponsors – see below.

Some of the results of the event are still being tabulated – including bills and the bidding on some donated gift packages – but here’s what we can report now:

Event co-chair **Dean Kraus** reported that Kathlyn Hardt won the women’s longest drive and Noah Thein won longest putt. Placing first in the first flight was the team of Marty Clifton, Kevin Kwak, Don Stecher and Chris Larson.



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Announcements...

➔ **Sept. 30 meeting: United for Equity:**



Gwen Tombergs, the vice president for development for the United Way of the QC, will report on United Way's equity initiative, which strives to end inequity and racism in the QC.

Gwen describes United for Equity this way: "Our goal is to increase awareness of local racial inequities and build community and political will to address them. We are giving our Quad Citizens the tools to learn more about racism and then come together and talk about the issues and how we can solve them."

As part of her presentation, Gwen will share more about the United Way's Oct. 15 Equity Summit – "how we can get involved and be part of the change."

➔ **"The Rotary Fun(d) Frenzy": Ann Kappeler** provided this synopsis of BRC's fundraising extravaganza, which will start at the weekly meeting on

Wednesday, Oct. 21, and run through 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24:

"Jump on line 10/21 for our fun on-line auction and help raise money to support our local non-profits. Home cooked meals, fantastic baked goods, gift baskets, wine (of course!), party ops, live music... there is something for everyone."

Ann added that members will be sent a link to the auction site before the auction action begins, "so you can start shopping early!"

Donations of auction items will be accepted until Oct. 1 – contact her at annkappeler1950@gmail.com.

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Upcoming meetings and more...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann, 563-505-7953;**
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Sept. 23: Past EG Chris Knapp: How the Rotary

Foundation works

Sept. 30: Gwen Tombergs: United for Equity, the United Way initiative to end racism

Oct. 1: Deadline for submitting auction

items for "The Rotary Fun(d) Frenzy" fundraiser

Oct. 21-24: “The Rotary Fun(d) 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]

Welcome to Week 2 of Basic Education and Literacy Month

Global Grants have been supporting peace-building and conflict-prevention; disease-prevention and treatment; water, sanitation and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community development.

The Rotary Foundation has added a new area of Global Grant focus, supporting the environment. According to Past President Mark Maloney, TRF has allotted more than \$18 million to environment-related projects over the past 5 years, and creating this new focus will give Rotarians more ways to positively impact the world. Commenting on the environmental area of focus, Randy Roberts of the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, Ind., praised RI for doing “...what is best for our planet... This is

the only home we are leaving for our children and grandchildren. We must help solve the climate-change issue or we jeopardize all other humanitarian work we do through the first six areas of focus.”

The Food Depot in Santa Fe, N.M., provides over 500,000 pounds of food each month, which over time has increased due to much need in the community. In April alone, more than 1 million pounds of food was distributed, and between March and June, the depot provided over 3.3 million meals.

Responding to these overwhelming needs, the Rotary Club of Los Alamos applied for and received a generous grant from Rotary District 5520 and TRF to sponsor a Peace and Health Project to provide over 40,000 meals to needy families. Explaining why her club chose this project, club president Laura Gonzales cited that New Mexico ranked second highest for projected overall childhood food insecurity and fifth highest in the nation for projected overall food insecurity. “Food insecurity is a critical issue in New Mexico all the time. The needs now, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, are staggering. Rotary is a service organization and we are proactively addressing this problem.”

This past Saturday the Rotary Club of Los Alamos worked with Meals of Hope, a Florida-based food packing organization, to pack bags of ready-to-cook meals of beans, rice, and macaroni and cheese.

“With the global population reaching near 8 billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important... It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way of protecting our environment. We are

qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents.”

– Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang

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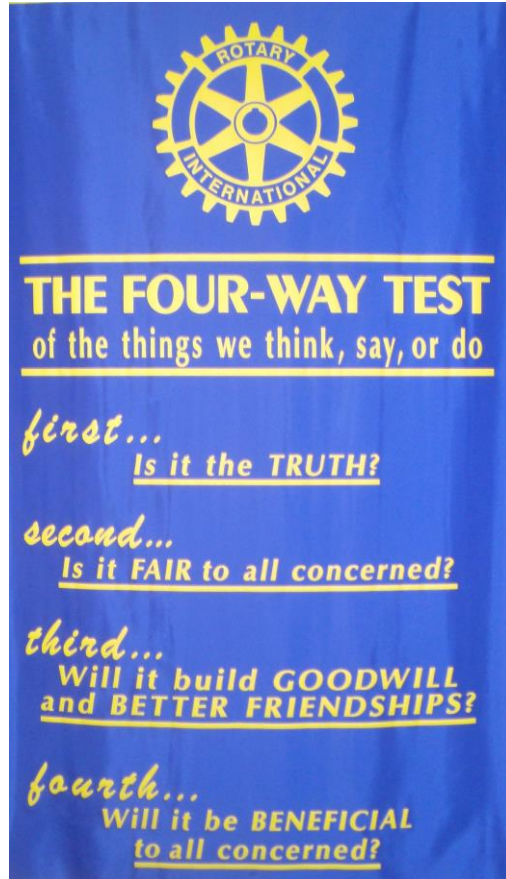


**Rotary District
6000
governor...**

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“Is it fun?”
(Version 11)*

**Too bad the Coronavirus didn’t start
in Las Vegas, because what happens in
Vegas stays in Vegas!**

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