



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Oct.7, 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> Covid issue**

***Next meeting:*  
Tanglewood Pavilion and ZOOM  
Oct. 14, 2020**

**We hear from Bettendorf  
Police Chief Keith Kimball**



Keith Kimball was promoted to chief of Bettendorf Police in 2018, and he is the scheduled speaker on Oct. 14. Here’s some of what he says about Bettendorf Police on the city’s website:

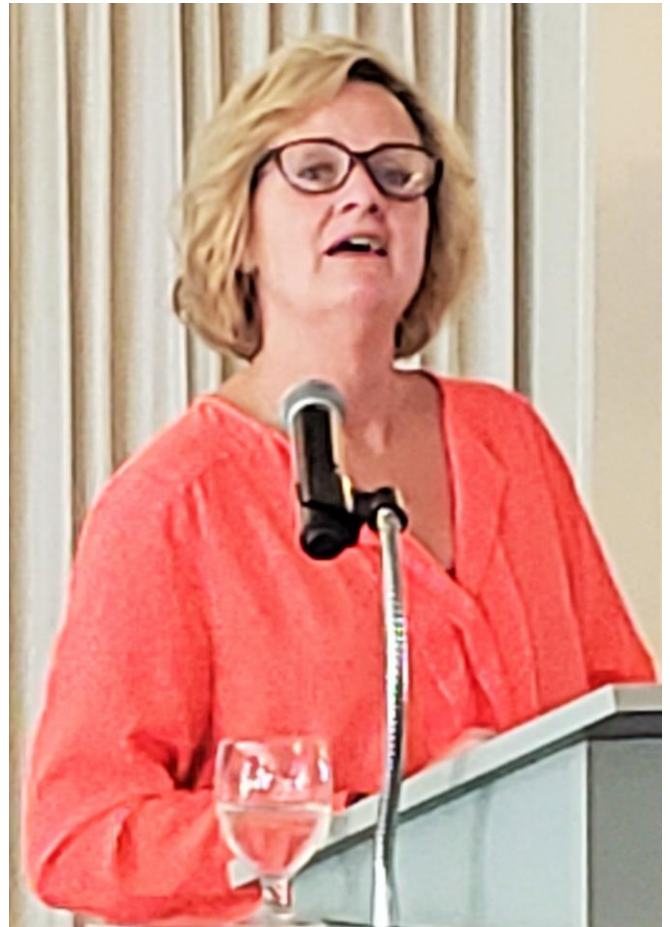
“The men and women of our department are some of the most professional, well trained, well educated, and most dedicated officers you will ever find that

are committed to keeping our community safe and serving the citizens....

Bettendorf is the only police department in the state of Iowa with a police social worker on staff.

“The philosophy of the Bettendorf Police Department continues to be focused on community oriented policing and establishing relationships in the community with citizens, community leaders, schools, youth, social service providers, and other law enforcement agencies at the local, county, state, and federal levels.”

***This issue:*  
Oct. 7, 2020**



**Cancer journey...  
a legacy of help**

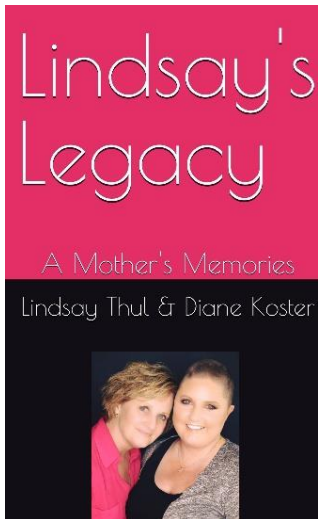
The guest speaker at BRC’s Oct. 7 meeting was **Diane Koster**, who has self-published a book about the journey of her daughter, Lindsay Thul, as she battled a rare form of breast cancer. That presentation was not audible on the Zoom connection, so what follows are excerpts from Website and book-jacket descriptions of “Lindsay’s Legacy: A Mother’s Memories.”

“Lindsay Marie Thul was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) at the

young age of 28. She died 10 short months later. Lindsay documented her cancer journey through a series of online posts, keeping friends and family informed and educated along the way. Her mother... has taken those posts and added her perspective surrounding each step of Lindsay's cancer journey, as a mom and primary caregiver....

"Educating herself about her disease... became her primary mission and focus. Understanding that this form of breast cancer is the rarest and most aggressive type only ignited her desire to exhaust every option available..."

"Lindsay documented her experience to give other women information and hope. By sharing her journey... her courage... Lindsay created her legacy."



Lindsay had hope for the future, and she would want other women to have the means to hope for survival. Through multiple fundraising initiatives, Lindsay's family has funds available that will help women with financial barriers get prompt, expert medical attention required to diagnose and treat... IBC. Lindsay's Legacy Fund was established in April

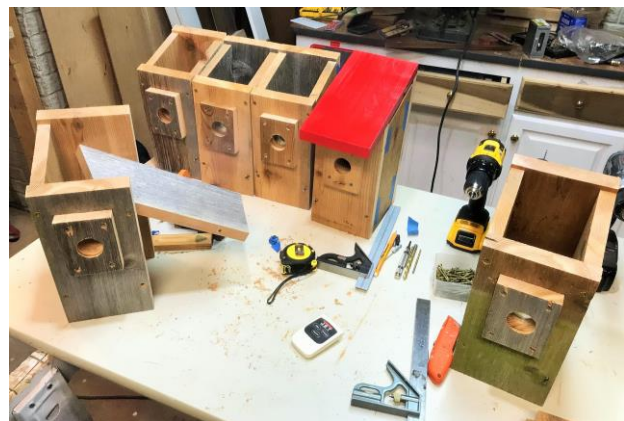
2020 and is held at the Genesis Health Services Foundation.... 100% of the book proceeds go into ... Lindsay's Legacy Fund."

To learn more, you can visit [LindsaysLegacyFund.com](https://www.genesishealth.com/giving/projects--events/lindsays-legacy-fund/). To make a contribution to that fund, go to: <https://www.genesishealth.com/giving/projects--events/lindsays-legacy-fund/>



## Announcements...

➔To whet your appetite for "The Rotary Fun(d) Frenzy" Oct. 21: **Joe Champion** displayed birdhouses he had built using recycled wood – and he offered them for \$50 apiece with all of the cash going to fund BRC projects. In short order they were gone – to live in trees at the homes of **Rick Bormann, Dr. Tom Olson, Larry Thein, Decker Ploehn, Brian Goerdts and Ann Kappeler.**



➔**Thanks to essential workers:** Last Friday lunchtime, thanks to the efforts of **Monica Kruse**, some 90 Little Joe pizzas and cookies were delivered to the teachers and staff of Pleasant Valley's

Riverdale Elementary School – the first in a monthly series of lunches to be given to groups of the city’s essential workers, in thanks for all they do to serve the rest of us.



→ **Happy October birthdays:** Members marking the passage of another year are: 1, **Dick Schillig**; 6, **Tom Howard**; 15, **Pat Thornton**; 16, **Dr. Tom Olson**; 19, **Lee Marbach**; 21, **Tom Kook**; 31, **Carrie Lamb**.



### **BRC Happy \$\$...**

As he’s been doing every week in the time of Covid-19, **President Rick Bormann** carried the mic around the room to record the expressions of happiness these Rotarians shared: **Dr. Tom Olson** – he and his wife both celebrate birthdays this month, so he’s giving her a birdhouse... **Larry Thein** – he and his son just returned from Florida where his son was a member of the all-Iowa high school age baseball team that competed against other states’ teams and they went 2-2... **Mark Ross** – he was so happy he apparently lost his ability to talk into the microphone, so we’ll never know why... **Ann Kappeler** – in a plug for the auction action Oct. 21-24, she said

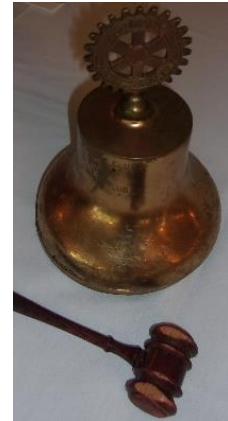
one of the big prizes is a stay at the 4-diamond Merrill Hotel in Muscatine, rated one of the top hotels in the U.S....

**Decker Ploehn** – complimented **Joe Champion** for dressing today to match the birdhouses he was offering for sale...

**Sandy Yoder** – took his grandsons and their parents to visit seven national parks in 10 days!

### **The meeting opened...**

With the ringing of the bell, the meeting came to order – for the 26<sup>th</sup> time in the age of Covid-19 at Tanglewood Pavilion and via ZOOM.



### **President Rick**

**Bormann** led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. Via ZOOM, **Tom Howard** sang the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which **S.K. Nanda** honored our troops, **Tom Mielnik** paid tribute to all victims of the Covid-19 virus, and **Decker Ploehn** reported on the untimely death of a city employee. Guests and visitors included Jeanine Wolf and Bill Tubbs, North Scott Rotary.



### **At the end...**

... of the meeting today, **Ann Kappeler** won the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in the drawing from among all who shared 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)**:



**Oct. 14:**  
Bettendorf Chief of Police Keith Kimball

**Oct. 21-24:**  
“The Rotary Fun(d) Frenzy”  
**Watch this space** for what else is coming up on the BRC calendar...

## For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/> and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary>

## For more on Rotary International:

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

# Rotary



## Rotarians elsewhere...

### Want to govern Dist. 6000?

Our Rotary district is looking for good candidates to be nominated to serve as governor in 2023-24, according to an email from John Ockenfels chair of the District Nominating Team.

“If you have served as club president and are interested in being nominated, please contact your current club president as soon as possible,” the email urged. The deadline to submit a nomination is Oct. 12.

Any member who knows a past club president who would be a good governor should encourage him or her to apply, John added.

If you didn’t receive the email, but would like to apply, or encourage a past president to apply, contact a member of the *BRC News* staff for more information and application. Questions? Contact John: [johnnockenfels@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnockenfels@hotmail.com) or 319-321-4601.

## The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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



## Welcome to Week 1 of October, the Economic and Community Development Month of Rotary International.

TRF supports disaster relief and recovery efforts through grants from the Rotary Disaster Response Fund. These District Grants (DG), termed Community Service Grants, are block grants to a Rotary International district. They are used to support short-term projects to help solve humanitarian concerns within a specific community initiated by clubs in that district.

Over two months ago, a Derecho pounded parts of the Midwest, leaving miles of overwhelming destruction across eastern Nebraska and across the middle of Iowa from the Missouri to the Mississippi River. Some cities within District 6000 got help from their Rotarian

neighbors when the District 6000 Disaster Response Committee allocated \$5,000 toward recovery efforts. TRF has added \$25,000 for Derecho relief, especially in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Dubuque. Interested clubs should contact Troy Thompson, chair of the district's Disaster Relief Committee for an application ([Thompson.go@gmail.com](mailto:Thompson.go@gmail.com)).

As part of its goals to improve literacy, TRF matched a \$5,800 Rotary Club of Cleveland Noonday grant for the Raider Reader Program in the City of Cleveland Schools. The \$11,600 will provide every first- and second-grade student with a book to take home and keep before each of the five extended breaks (fall, Thanksgiving, winter, spring and summer). Carolyn Ingram, a member of the Noonday Rotary Club, said, "This program is one of the best things that we have done to promote literacy in our schools. I am thrilled to be a part of it."

**October 2020 Reminders:**

- 5-11:** Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
- 22:** One Rotary Summit; Via Zoom; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Central
- 24:** World Polio Day

In Rotary,  
Olabisi Gwamna Ph.D,  
Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa  
Editor, Foundation Minute



**Rotary District  
6000  
governor...**

*'The fifth test' –  
"Is it fun?"  
(Version 14)*

**Did you hear  
about the fellow  
whose entire left side  
was cut off???  
He's all right now.**

Proud to be a Rotarian,  
Steve Dakin  
District 6000 governor 2020-21  
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