



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

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 6, 2021, 36th Covid issue

Next meeting, via ZOOM:
Jan 13, 2021

QCSO cellist teaches at 'recycled' dean's home

For more than 10 years, the former home of the dean of Davenport's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral had sat vacant. But now, the large 1930-vintage house at 1103 Main St. has become home to the Deanery School of Music, where the Quad-City Music Academy provides

music lessons to talented youth who might not otherwise afford them.

The academy is the idea of **Hannah Holman**, principal cellist for the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra, and the guest speaker at our Jan. 13 meeting.

Hannah, also a cellist with the New York City Ballet Orchestra who lives in

Iowa City, had hoped for several years to be able to improve the quality of music instruction in the QC. She began teaching five students via ZOOM in September 2019, and instruction in violin, viola, bass and cello is now available.



This issue:
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Helping student leaders in Iowa

We became better acquainted with Iowa Student Council at the Jan. 6 meeting by hearing from its current leaders – 2020 President **Aidan Goerdt** of Bettendorf High School, the son of BRC member **Brian Goerdt**, and Pleasant Valley High School junior **Ramya Subramaniam**, this year's 1st vice-president-elect.



The non-profit student leadership organization “promotes service, citizenship, character, integrity and academics,” they said.

Aidan and Ramya’s presentation – “For Iowa, For the Future” – described how IASC provides “leadership training, resources and networking” for student council members and their teacher-advisers in schools throughout Iowa.

Aidan and Ramya serve on the IASC governing advisory board of 10 adults, 6 students and 2 directors, who coordinate the organization’s activities.

IASC communicates information on service projects among Iowa’s student councils, informing both member and non-member councils of ways they are serving their communities. Last year, they said, the group promoted the theme “Stop the Stigma,” partnering with the National Association on Mental Illness to raise awareness of mental health programs.

Often IASC taps into existing community-service programs by student councils – for example, becoming pen-pals with senior citizens or making face masks for local healthcare workers – and informs councils across the state using social media and the schools’ own publications.

To help develop student council leaders, the group conducts an annual Iowa Leadership Training Conference on the campus of Grandview University in Des Moines. A yearly Advisers’ Conference provides training and resources for new faculty advisers to student councils.

Announcements...

➔**Christmas baskets:** Harry Coin thanked all of the members who presented food baskets to the 14 families on the Saturday before Christmas. He reminded those who bought gifts for the



children to turn in their receipts to **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann.**

➔**Thanks to essential workers:** Continuing BRC’s support for essential workers in the city of Bettendorf, Rick announced that the club has purchased tomorrow’s lunch for the teachers and staff of Bridgeview Elementary School in Pleasant Valley.



➔**Thanks to our hostesses:** President **Rick Bormann** said that **Decker Ploehn** and **Joe Campion** had ensured that Julie and Donna, who serve us at in-person meetings, would receive the customary Christmastime thank-you. Now it’s time for members, who had not already done

so, to send a check to Secretary Shelly to reimburse Decker and Joe. Send a \$20 check payable to Bettendorf Rotary to Rotary Club of Bettendorf. P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, Iowa 52772 – with “Christmas Tips” in the memo.

➔ **United Way tax preparers:** During BRC Happy \$\$, **Gwen Tombergs** said United Way is looking for volunteers to “help prepare tax returns and greet individuals throughout the tax season as part of VITA, United Way's free tax assistance program” for people with incomes below \$50,000. In a later email, Gwen specified:



“Volunteers must be 18 years or older and complete the four-session training via Zoom” 5:30-7:30 p.m. each evening Jan. 11-14. She added: “They also must complete an online certification upon completion of the training.”

To answer questions anyone has before signing up, United Way offers an informational session via Zoom beginning at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 7.

More information is available at: https://unitedwayqc.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=481324.

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Rick Bormann asked members to share sources of their happiness. (Before the meeting, **Dr. Tom Olson** said he was happy to be meeting by Zoom, because he could smoke a cigar...) **Gwen Tombergs** was happy **Decker Ploehn** and **Scott Naumann** lent their thespian talents to the United Way's

recent fundraiser – which doubled its \$20,000 goal to pay for kids' learning kits... **Beth Clark** announced that the Big Brothers Big Sisters won't have a Putt-Around fundraiser this year – instead, they'll raise funds pitting trivia teams against each other – and there will still be a competition among Rotary Clubs... **Decker Ploehn** extended kudos to Bettendorf's Public Works crews who cleared all of the city's streets within two days after the recent snow-and-ice storm... **Craig Windmiller** promoted the skills of a young homebuilder, Alex Connors, who's looking to expand his business.

The meeting opened...

President Rick Bormann called the 36th meeting (via Zoom) in the time of Covid-19 to order and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** sang “God Bless America.” Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence – during which we honored our troops, thanks to **S.K. Nanda**, and offered support for **Gwen Tombergs**, whose husband's sister died. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced one guest: **Mary Schmidt**, of Trinity Health Systems, who is a prospective member.



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Beth Clark** 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:

Jan. 13, 2021:
Hannah Holman, principal cellist for the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra: Quad-City Music Academy, a nonprofit founded last year to give music lessons to youths



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To join BRC meetings – at noon every Wednesday, except Dec. 23 and 30:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85935276889?pwd=RFhGOGQ0eU5vaEFNYjB2TjR4WWtydz09>

Meeting ID: 859 3527 6889

Passcode: 069113



For more on Rotary International:

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

Rotarians elsewhere...

The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

Happy New Year to all Rotarians and friends!

Welcome to Week 1 of

Rotary International's Vocational Service Month



While some people were getting ready to welcome the new year, members of the **Rotary Club of Kingston, Jamaica**, recounted a Global Grant carried out with the aid of TRF in the 2020 Rotary year. This was an ambitious project that purchased equipment for the **Bustamante Hospital for Children** in the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. With matching funds from The Rotary Foundation, **The Rotary Club of Kingston** was joined by the **Rotary Clubs of Camrose**, and **Niagara** and their **Rotary District 5370 Canada**, the Provincial Government of Alberta, the Federal Government of Canada and the **Rotary Club of Naples, Fla.** They provided \$21 million to purchase 15 new incubators, 16 monitors and 16 infusion pumps for the hospital.

In addition, one thousand books were donated to the Pringle Home for Girls and Garden Hill Primary School in St. Catherine, Jamaica. The grand finale of donations from this fund was the presentation of a fully furnished 320-sq.-ft. two-bedroom, one bath house to a

homeless family in West Prospect, St. Catherine.

Since 2016, the Rotary Club of Kingston's annual "Home for the Homeless Initiative" has delivered seven houses throughout Jamaica. Five selected senior citizens homes were presented with kitchen equipment, sanitizers, disinfectant, face masks and other hygiene products, while 100 day-old chicks were donated to a home for self-sufficiency business.

President Wood of the Rotary Club of Kingston expressed his club's gratitude for the opportunity to make a difference in the community. "We feel blessed to serve our community and to make a difference in the lives of many who would otherwise have been ignored. The Rotary Club of Kingston is committed to being an effective service club, even in trying times as we have experienced in recent months."

In another report, equipment for separating plasma, platelets and red cells was donated to the Indian Red Cross Society at the Guntur Red Cross Blood Bank on Dec. 30. The \$198, 380 9USD) was provided by TRF and the **Rotary Clubs of Guntur and Adarsh** in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

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?" (A
dose of humor,
hopefully to help
start your Rotary
week with a smile.)*

"Now that 2020, the year when positive was a negative, is behind us, HAPPY 2021!"

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