



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 13, 2021, 37th Covid issue**

***Next meeting, via ZOOM:
Jan 20, 2021***

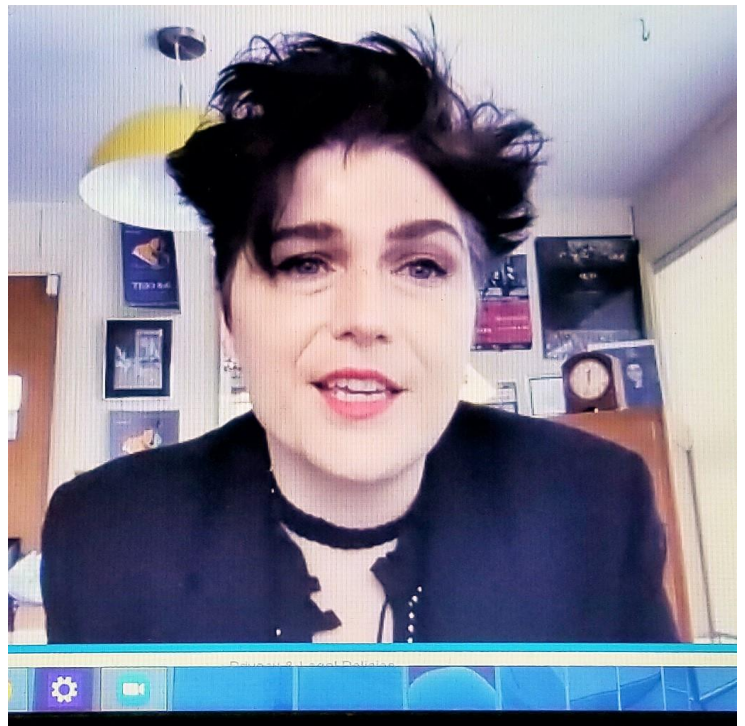


**How Bettendorf Library
keeps serving in Covid-19**



The scheduled speaker at our Jan. 20 meeting will be **Karly Lyle**, information services manager of the Bettendorf Public Library. In her words, she “will be presenting on connecting with our community during the pandemic via online programming and resources.”

***This issue:
Jan. 13, 2021***



**Music Academy
becomes reality**

Thanks to the vision and persistence of the guest speaker at our Jan. 13 meeting – **Hannah Holman**, principal cellist of the Quad-City Symphony Orchestra since 2008 – the opportunity for talented young QC musicians to learn to play an instrument is growing substantially.

Hannah, who lives in Iowa City, joined the QCSO in 2001 after a career that had already included wide experience in orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo performances – and teaching music.

She has been a cellist in Orchestra Iowa, Cedar Rapids, since 2001 and in the New York City Ballet Orchestra since 2012. She is an adjunct cello instructor at the University of Northern Iowa for the

2020-21 academic year. Earlier, she was a member of the University of Iowa music faculty (2002-12), and she has taught individual students throughout her career. She has performed as a member of orchestras and chamber ensembles – and as a cello soloist – across the U.S., in Europe and in Asia.

Becoming acquainted with the community as a member of the QCSO, she saw the need to improve the quality of music instruction for youths – including those who might not be able to afford private lessons. She began teaching a few students via ZOOM while she networked among her professional peers and community leaders about creating what has now emerged as the Quad City Music Academy. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the QCMA now exists as a not-for-profit organization with a board of directors comprising members of the QC music community and a faculty of accomplished musicians from across the U.S.

And as of late 2020 it has a home – the former residence of the dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in central Davenport. That location, of what’s now known as the Deanery Music School, makes it easily accessible to many of the young students Hannah hopes to attract.

In the vision she shared with BRC, the spacious old structure will house exhibitions, lecture events, online technique classes, private lessons, chamber music performances and monthly lessons in music-theory and composition. She is confident the QC has the potential to draw 300 or more young students. Meanwhile, she knows there are challenges to overcome – renovating the Deanery, providing scholarship support

for many of the students and making it easier for Illinois QC students to attend.

Hannah studied at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., and Michigan State University, where she completed her Bachelor of Music degree. She earned her Master of Music degree at the New England Conservatory in Boston. Her professional performance career includes the English String Orchestra under Yehudi Menuhin; the Birmingham, England, Symphony Orchestra; the Michigan Chamber Orchestra, and the Richmond, Va., Symphony.

Announcements...

President Rich Bormann made two short announcements:

➔ **Thanks to essential workers:** BRC received a thank-you from the principal of Bridgeview Elementary School in Pleasant Valley for the lunch BRC bought last week for the teachers and staff – continuing our recognition for the city’s essential workers.

➔ **Thanks to our hostesses:** Rick also reminded members who have not already done so to send their \$20 check payable to Bettendorf Rotary to reimburse **Decker Ploehn** and **Joe Champion** for fronting the club’s Christmas thank-you to our hostesses at Tanglewood.

Mail checks to: Rotary Club of Bettendorf. P.O. Box 133, Bettendorf, Iowa 52772 – with “Christmas Tips” in the memo.

In other BRC news...

➔ **Mayor Bob stars in video:** **Sharon Sarver** supplied a photo of **Mayor Bob Gallagher** helping the Bettendorf Library Foundation “by reading a story to Booker Bear in a video that will be viewed by all



Bettendorf and PV first graders,” Sharon said. “Bob stepped up to help on very short notice with no hesitation! That’s the Rotary way!” she added

BRC Happy \$\$...

President Rick Bormann asked members to share sources of their happiness. It wasn’t that no one else had reason to be happy, I’m confident, but only **Gwen Tombergs** shared hers. She has resigned from her post at United Way and is opening her own business, Fresh Start Living, to serve the needs of people going through life changes, especially retirees who are downsizing their living arrangements.

The meeting opened...



Before the meeting was called to order, **District Gov. Steve Dakin** joined the ZOOM connection. After wishing us a Happy New Year, he updated us on this year’s District Conference – now condensed to one day, April 24, the meeting in Ankeny will focus on such issues as obtaining district grants to supplement individual clubs’ funds to

complete projects. (He also told us he looks forward to becoming a grandpa for the first time this summer.) Afterward:

Via ZOOM, **President Rick Bormann** called the 37th meeting in the time of Covid-19 to order. After briefly introducing and welcoming the day’s guest speaker, Hannah Holman, he led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** sang the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.”

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence – today especially remembering our troops; **Todd Larson**, whose father had died; new member **Mary Schmidt**, whose father-in-law is ill; all who are suffering with Covid-19; and our country, which is in need of peace in the wake of last week’s insurrectionist rioting at the nation’s Capitol.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced **Mary Schmidt**, who began the meeting as a guest but is becoming a new member, transferring from another Rotary club.



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Gwen Tombergs** received the “Happy to Have a Make-up” by default, since no one else shared happiness in this week’s BRC Happy \$\$. So, come on fellow Rotarians – get happy and tell the rest of us about it... or at the very least, **Dr. Tom Olson** should be ready to punish us a little.

Upcoming meetings and more...

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

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To join BRC meetings, at noon every Wednesday:

<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...

District 6000 Board opening...

Carolyn Scharff of the District 6000 staff announced in a recent email:

“There will be an at large director opening on the District Board of Directors in July for a three-year term. Representation of members across the district is important. As an at large director, you would be expected to attend and participate in the district board meetings, which are held in August, October, December, February and May each year, this year they are being held online.

“Please review the District Policies and Procedures Manual (especially section II. A) and the By-Laws [use the link below]. If you are interested in nominating yourself, please send an email to the District Office – dis6000admin@Lisco.com – by Jan. 29. Include a statement about why you want to serve on the board and a resume of your Rotary experiences, including what offices and titles you have held. A subcommittee will review the responses and make a recommendation to District Governor Elect Alka Khanolkar, who will make the selection.”

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The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Vocational Service Month.



The village of Sae Sabona, situated in sub-Saharan Niger, is inhabited by 7,500 individuals who eke out a dry existence on a parched landscape with no rain for 10 months of the year. When the rain finally comes in the months of July and August, much of it is contaminated; but it is the villagers' only source for drinking and bathing.

David Smith of The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs, Colo., described in a report how his club, working with Rotary Clubs in Vienna, Austria, and Niamey, Niger, sponsored a well that provides water for drinking, bathing and irrigation for the people of Sae Sabona. The \$70,000 project was funded in a Global Grant by TRF. According to Smith, the 350-foot-deep well provides more than 1,000 gallons of clean water a day for the people. Aside from the health benefit, the well has opened a new source of livelihood for villagers. No fewer than 180 women from the community are growing high-value crops such as tomatoes, onions and lettuce, on the irrigated land. Sale of these crops provides both income and food for their families. Smith admits that the Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs is pleased to be part of the three-continent project aimed at combating "deep poverty". He stated

that the motto of Rotary International, "Service above self," applies to both individuals and communities.

Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Through Vocational Service we:

- Serve others by using our unique skills to address community needs
- Empower others through training and skill development
- Inspire others to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles

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. Version 28)

"I just realized my garbage goes out more than I do."

Proud to be a Rotarian,
Steve Dakin
District 6000 governor 2020-21
steve@retiredfun.net

