



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

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Jan. 20, 2021, 38th Covid issue

Next meeting, via ZOOM:
Jan 27, 2021

Gain insight into the arts in the time of Covid-19

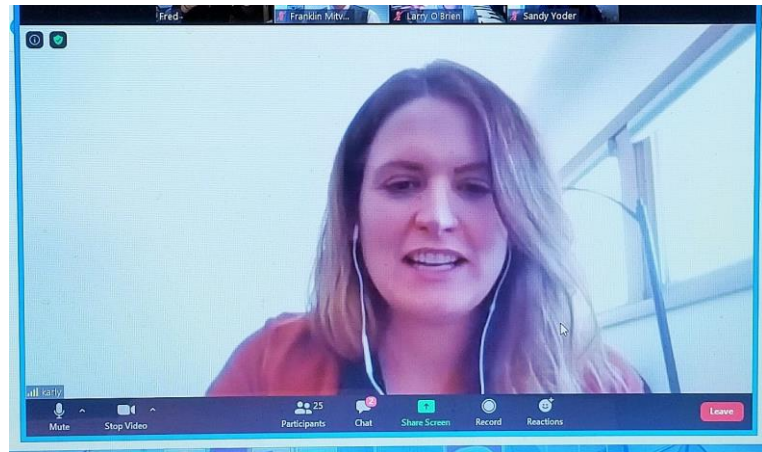
Pat Bradley Bereskin owns and operates

Bereskin Gallery & Art Academy, 2967 State St., Bettendorf, where she displays the work of 35 artists whom she represents. As the speaker at our Jan. 20 meeting, she will talk about challenges the arts face in the time of Covid-19.

Pat is a native of Bettendorf, who credits her love of art to “the direction and encouragement that she received from the art teachers in the Bettendorf public school.” After graduating from the University of Northern Iowa, she and her family lived in Hinsdale, Ill., where she taught art for 15 years. In Bettendorf, for the last 28 years she has taught art as well as operating her gallery. To learn more:

<https://www.bereskinartgallery.com/patbereskin>.

This issue:
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Library learns to serve virtually

At our Jan. 20 meeting, **Karly Lyle**, information services manager of the Bettendorf Public Library, told us how our library has adapted its programming to continue serving the community online.

When first confronted with the question, “How do we do this?” Karly said the library’s staff came together to meet the challenge of video editing and production and other technologies so they could substitute remote delivery for what they had always done in person. She provided examples of the digital programming



results – including some services that expanded and evolved to meet community needs that arose because of the pandemic:

➔**Job support:** Because of the pandemic, growing numbers of people were facing unemployment, so the library developed online resources to help in the hunt for new work: searchable lists of job openings... help with developing and improving resumes... job coaching.

➔**Literacy:** BPL has long offered book clubs and children’s story times, but moving them online made it possible for readers to talk not just with each other – but with the books’ authors, who often have joined those conversations. Young book lovers can “look over the reader’s shoulder” via video to see the words and illustrations as they follow along.

➔**Publications and more:** It’s possible to gain online access to e-books, e-audio, newspapers and magazines – and with a library card download as many as five music albums per month, Karly said.



➔**Entertainment and educational programming:** Through a variety of online programs developed for both youths and adults, the library can help in the development of skills such as cooking, sewing or other kinds of “workshops.” The library even offers kits of materials needed to complete a project

– often with referrals to local sources and experts.

For more – and more specific – information on programs, services and more: www.bettendorflibrary.com.

Announcements...

➔**Thanks to teachers: President Rick Bormann** announced that the next thank-you lunch that BRC is buying to thank essential workers in the community will be Monday, Jan. 25, for the teachers and staff at Morningstar Academy.

BRC Happy \$\$...

Rick asked members to share sources of their happiness, and this group gleefully complied: **Dr. Tom Olson** said he had received his first Covid-19 vaccination and experienced no side-effects... **Sandy Yoder** (Zooming in from Arizona) – grandson Jackson was honored as “leader of the month” for January in his 4th grade class in Eldridge... **Frank Mitvalsky** – recruiting 2 or 3 judges for this year’s Pinewood Derby at “our” Cub Scout Pack 54, at 9 a.m. Saturday at Paul Norton Elementary School; judges, who will rate the cars in a number of categories, should **contact Frank (email: fmitvalsky@califf.com)** and plan to arrive at the school by 8:45 a.m.

The meeting opened...

Via ZOOM, **President Rick Bormann** called the 38th meeting in the time of Covid-19 to order. After briefly introducing and welcoming the day’s guest speaker, Karly Lyle, information services manager of the Bettendorf Public Library, he led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** sang the day’s patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence – today especially remembering our troops and giving thanks for this day’s peaceful presidential inauguration of President Joe Biden.



At the end...
... of the meeting today, **Frank Mitvalsky** received the “Happy to Have a Make-up” in a drawing of the names of all members who shared their sources of happiness in today’s ‘BRC Happy \$\$.’.

Upcoming meetings and more...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann**, 563-505-7953;

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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...

The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International’s Vocational Service Month



Personal hygiene and environmental sanitation are enhanced when community members have easy access to potable, clean water. These pandemic days heighten the importance of easy access to clean water. Public health is jeopardized when the people have no hygienic toilets and bathrooms for personal use. As part of Rotary International’s focus on Water,

Sanitation and Hygiene, TRF is tasked with supporting activities that encourage the management of freshwater resources and providing universal and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene. TRF seeks to empower governments, institutions and communities to manage their water, sanitation and hygiene services through environmentally sound, measurable and sustainable interventions.



One of the ways TRF achieves this aim is by facilitating universal and equitable access to improved sanitation and waste management services in order to achieve open defecation-free communities through its Global Grant initiatives. Two Global Grants were recently approved by TRF for the purchase of materials and supplies needed for sustainable clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in the Mayan villages of Agui Caliente and Paxorotot in Guatemala. District 7890 (Northampton, Mass.) has previously sponsored 25 projects in Guatemala. The district worked with the host club, The Rotary Club of La Antigua to use \$237,817 USD to acquire the material for the projects. A total of 4,208 people, members of 668 families, will benefit from the improvements to their drinking water and general hygiene and sanitation.

The District Chair for Water & Sanitation Projects and member of the Rotary Club of Manchester, Rick Lawrence, will share with any club how these projects impact the lives of the people involved. He is also willing to present virtually or in-person when convenient. Any club

willing to invite Rotarian Lawrence should contact him by calling (860) 558-2793 or email him at:

elawrlaw@sbcglobal.net.

“For what good is it to fight disease if our polluted environment causes us to become sick again? The Rotary Foundation will be central to this work. More than \$18 million has gone toward environment-rated global grants in the past five years. Building upon this work to protect the environment, we will give yet another Rotary gift to future generations. And you can be a part of it today.”

– K.R. Ravindran, Foundation Trustee Chair, 2021

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 29)*

“I heard on the news this morning that the chickens at Farmer Smith’s farm are now banned from his barnyard. They kept using fowl language.”

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