



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
March 17, 2021, 46th Covid issue**

***Next, back at Tanglewood
(we think) plus via ZOOM:
March 24, 2021***

**It won't be St. Patrick, but
it will be interesting...**

Program Chair **Scott Naumann** had lined up the perfect St. Patrick's Day program for the March 17 meeting – an opportunity to learn about the Patron

Saint of Ireland from **Don Wooten**, longtime QC broadcaster, founder of the QC's WVIK Public Radio station and student of... everything.

Then the Covid-19 diagnosis on March 10 sent us to ZOOM, and Don cancelled. Not deterred, Scott texted, "I assume we are meeting in person (on the 24th)! We will be two weeks out from any potential exposure!" And he invited Don again.

At first, he texted, "Was thinking it would be close enough proximity to talk about Saint Patrick but frankly it's just great to have you in the room!" Then he ran out of exclamation points. Don replied, "I'll think of something. See you slightly before 11:45."

We know he will... and he will. So be there – and enjoy(!)

***This issue:
March 17, 2021***



**QC Foundation
aids community**

The Bettendorf Rotary Club, like about 150 other not-for-profit organizations in the QC, keeps the money we plan to use for projects and philanthropy in the Quad Cities Community Foundation. At the March 17 meeting, via ZOOM, **Joscelyn Rowe**, the foundation's director of Donor Engagement and Stewardship, told us what else that organization does to fulfill its mission: "... to transform the region through the generosity of donors... and make the QC a better place to live."

Founded in 1964 as the Davenport Foundation, it now serves people and non-for-profit organizations in Scott County, Iowa, and Rock Island, Ill., plus "a network of six "Geographic Affiliate Funds and Community Funds" in the

surrounding counties. It is one of about 800 community foundations in the U.S. With a small professional staff and more than 100 volunteers on committees, it collects gifts of donations from generous individuals and businesses and distributes grants and scholarships wherever the need arises in the service area, Joscelyn said. Need is the driving force behind its grants – “diverse voices, engagement and participation are essential to building a community where everyone has equitable opportunity to thrive”... and create “a stronger, more vibrant and inclusive community.”



Over the years, the QC Community Foundation has granted “almost \$100 million,” she added.

Funds in the foundation don’t just come from generous donors, she explained. The foundation also comprises funds...:

- From individuals or families to aid issues they specifically care about;
- From nonprofit organizations, such as BRC, for safekeeping until the group uses them to support its mission (in our case, projects focusing on polio eradication, literacy, sanitation, potable water and the other specific causes identified by Rotary International);
- From corporations to support their philanthropy in the community;

- From the communities and special interests within them to pay for needs and opportunities they identify; and
- To help the community after a disaster.

The QC Disaster Recovery Fund, Joscelyn explained in her presentation and later in response to questions, began in 2019 as a way to receive donations and pay out recovery grants after spring flooding. It was revived a year ago to help the community recover from the effects of the pandemic, she said.

One category of funds, endowments, ensure that money will go in perpetuity to a charitable cause that’s important to its creator – which might be a family, organization or corporation, Joscelyn said. An endowment’s funds are held in trust and a part of the proceeds from its investments is paid each year to its designated cause. In about 20 years, she said, an endowment fund will make grants that are worth more than the original gift – and the fund will keep on growing.

Joscelyn invited listeners to become involved in the foundation (in addition to being BRC members):

- Donate to the Community Impact Fund or another fund managed by the foundation;
- Confer with them to learn about creating your own fund;
- Find out more about community needs and “causes you care about”;
- Apply for a not-for-profit grant or scholarship;
- Consider including the foundation in your estate giving.

To learn more, or to reach Joscelyn, go to www.qccommunityfoundation.org.

Announcements...

→ **Fundraising raffle:** **Ann Kappeler** reported that **Tom Mielnik** is close to completing assembly of a “Backyard Package” with many features to serve as the centerpiece of our raffle to raise funds for next year’s charitable grants. Work is also proceeding on other aspects of the raffle, she said. The event-planning committee held its first meeting last week.

→ **New member project:** **Scott Naumann** said first-year members are considering options before selecting a community-service project.

→ **City government update:** **Decker Ploehn** said the City Council had OKd the budget for the coming year – highlights include the hiring of three new police officers; a grant to hire six more firefighters; no increase in the tax levy, but adjusted property valuations, which result in modest tax increases; and a depleted street-salt budget.

BRC Happy \$\$...



Scott Naumann asked members to share sources of their happiness this

week: **Decker Ploehn** said anyone ZOOMing in from Florida (or any other warm location) should be levied \$20... **Dr. Tom Olson** apparently is selling his boat to the Naumans – and somebody suggested they could rent it out for parties on the Mississippi River.

The meeting opened...

Standing in for **President Rick Bormann**, who was receiving a Covid-19 shot, via ZOOM **Scott Naumann** called

to order the 46th meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann**, although ill with Covid-19, assisted with logistics of the meeting.

Scott led the recitation of the 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Howard** sang the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country.” Scott led the Moment of Silence, when we honored our troops, those suffering because of Covid-19 and families of those with Covid. Later, one visitor was introduced: Tom Thoms, a guest of **Carrie Lamb**.

At the end of the meeting, Scott reminded us to be proud to be Bettendorf Rotarians

Upcoming meetings...

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

March 24:

Delayed for two weeks but not deterred by the positive Covid-19 test in our midst, **Don Wooten** will reveal why Scott exclaimed in a test, “...frankly it’s just great to have you in the room!”



Make up at another QC club...

[NOTE: If any of these listings need to be updated, please notify the editor; thanks]

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club

Monday, noon: Moline –Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, Hy-Vee, 7th Street & John Deere Road, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City
Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center



Wednesday, noon:
Bettendorf –
Tanglewood Hills
Pavilion
Wednesday, 5 p.m.:
Mini Meet –
Lunardi's Restaurant,
Davenport
Thursday, 7 a.m.:

Iowa Quad Cities – J-Bar, Elmore Avenue,
Davenport
Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United
Methodist Church
Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country
Club
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers
Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline
Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn,
Davenport

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Wednesday:

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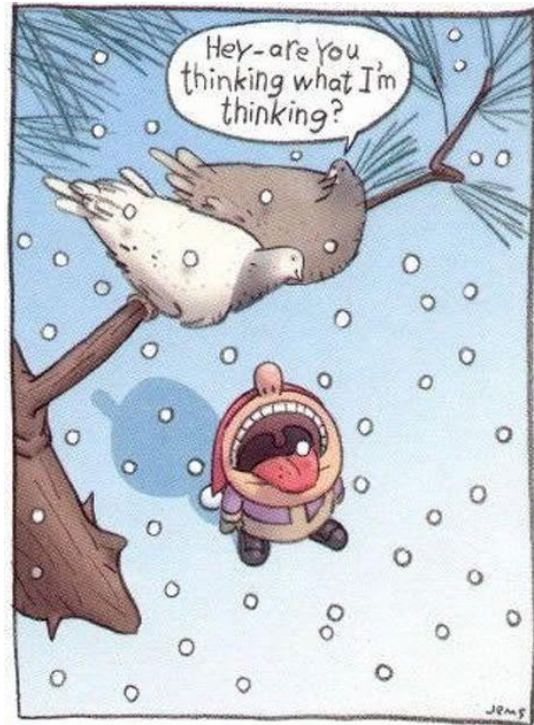
Rotarians elsewhere...



Rotary District
6000
governor...

'The fifth test' –
"Is it fun?"

(A dose of humor,
hopefully to help
start your Rotary
week with a smile.
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Hey, are you thinking what I'm
thinking?

Proud to be a Rotarian,
Steve Dakin, District Governor 2020-21
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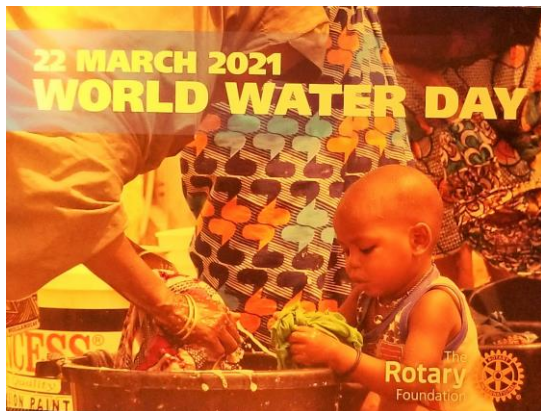
The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Month of Water and Sanitation.



A Rotary Foundation Global Grant is improving the quality of life for five small rural communities in the West African country of Senegal. The \$131,215 (US) Global Grant for clean water was awarded by TRF to West Chester Rotary Club and Downtown Rotary Club of Huntsville, Ala., for the purchase of deep-water hand pumps. The ultra-deep pumps are capable of operating more efficiently than hand pumps currently in use in Africa, which



don't reach potable water. Before the grant, the Senegalese from these communities drank water from dirty

runoff, mud puddles and ponds that livestock wade through. Consequently, they face chronic illnesses that prevent children from attending school, adults from working and perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

Dwight Leeper of West Chester Rotary is happy about The Rotary Foundation award and hopeful of similar projects in more rural African communities. "Being awarded the Global Grant is like grabbing the brass ring of Rotary... With 80 million refugees, whose numbers may double in the coming years and reduce arable land, there are opportunities to reach out to Zimbabwe and Uganda, which are in need of clean water also."

Organizations and individuals interested in donating to the project can contact Rotarian Leeper at 908-400-9431 or Dwight.leeper@gmail.com. Donations made before June 1, 2021, will be matched 50% by TRF. With TRF's matching, a donation of \$5,000 will cover the full cost of pump hardware for an entire village.

As of 2015, 2.1 billion people globally lack safe (potable) water at home. Of that number, 263 million spend more than 30 minutes round-trip collecting water. 844 million do not have basic drinking water services. 159 million drink water directly from surface sources such as streams or lakes. (Rotary District 5470)

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