



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

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*Next, at Tanglewood  
Pavilion plus via ZOOM:*

April 7, 2021

## Update on TBK Sports from CEO Dave Stow

Dave Stow became CEO of the TBK Sports Complex in Bettendorf in the fall of 2019. Half a year later, the world went



into lockdown because of the Covid-19 pandemic. At our April 7 meeting, Dave will tell us about the challenges he has faced since then – and how he’s preparing for the “new normal” of 2021.

Dave came to the QC from the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, where he had been the

vice president of venue operations, according to the *Quad-City Times*.

He served as the associate director of the U.S. Olympic Training Center. In that capacity, he oversaw a number of Olympic trials and World Cups. He has experience managing huge sports events, among them Super Bowls XXXII, XXXIII and XXXVII.

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## ‘Sea stories’ from sub captain (ret.)

After earlier attempts were foiled by the Covid-19 pandemic, we got to hear some of what **Capt. Dan Moore**, U.S. Navy (ret), called “sea stories” at the March 31 meeting. The stories and some fascinating facts about the U.S. Navy’s nuclear submarines in the 1960s to ’90s were drawn from Dan’s 27-year career.

He began his remarks by defining some Navy jargon and differentiating between “fairy tales” and “sea stories.” Fairy tales, he explained, begin with the words, “Once upon a time....” Sea stories begin with an expletive denoting veracity.

His first deployment as an officer aboard a fast attack submarine in the late ’60s

was to the Western Pacific, where his boat observed Chinese and Soviet naval operations.

Fast attack nuclear subs at that time were armed with 16 multi-warhead ballistic missiles. Even without GPS technology, the missiles – which opened up and delivered warheads to multiple targets – were “highly accurate,” Dan said. For example, if a missile were launched from the Gulf of Mexico, one of its warheads wouldn’t hit just Bettendorf – it would hit a specific window in a specific building, he explained.



The crew of 120 men (crews were all-male at the time), including 12 officers, was highly trained – even the most junior noncommissioned officer (there were no ordinary seamen) had at least two years’ training to do his specialized job, Dan said. To remain submerged for long patrols, the subs were able to convert salty sea water to fresh and carbon dioxide into oxygen.

Deployed to patrol off the coast of wartime Vietnam, Dan said, “We were tasked to follow” North Vietnamese freighters – disguised as ships of non-combatant nations – as they sailed south to deliver war materiel to North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong troops. Observing one ship veer into port one dark night, he said his boat radioed the South Vietnamese Army so its units

could “interdict” the supplies. However, that process took too much time, so all the freight was gone when they arrived, and they bombed an empty ship, he said.

On another patrol in open water, Dan said his submarine trailed a Soviet sub “by 800 – 1,000 yards” both submerged for long stretches of time. “The Russian navy is paranoid about the U.S. Navy,” he said. “They assumed we were following them *all* of the time. We were OK with that.”

Dan described a maneuver nicknamed “Crazy Ivan” that Soviet submarines used to shake U.S. subs off their “6.” U.S. crews knew the Soviets patrolled 50 or 100 meters below the surface, so they would position the U.S. boat 100 meters below the Soviet boat. In “Crazy Ivan,” Dan said, the Soviet sub would suddenly reverse course and come back at them at high speed. In response, the U.S. sub would hold true to its course – but it was scary, Dan admitted.

During one patrol, Dan’s boat was ordered to break away from its mission to rescue the crew of a disabled U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber that had to bail out – into the midst of Typhoon Rita, a Category 5 storm with 130-knot winds and 40-foot waves. Dan’s submarine rescued the pilot, and a second sub saved the remaining cockpit crew from another life raft. A two-day search of the area failed to locate the tail-gunner, whose body washed ashore on the Micronesian island of Yap about 30 days later.

Most of the first half of San’s career was spent as an officer – and eventually commander – of fast attack nuclear submarines. After shore duty in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the staff of the Atlantic Submarine Force commander, he returned to sea to

command a squadron of submarines that saw action in the First Persian Gulf War. Dan finished his career on the chief of naval operations staff and then the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He and his wife live in Davenport.



### **Helping Dan's Boy Scout troop**

In retirement, Dan Moore, who is an Eagle Scout, is an adult adviser for Troop 103 in West

Davenport. He reported that some months ago, the trailer containing all of the troop's camping equipment was stolen – and the troop has had difficulty raising money to replace it all. Upon hearing that, several BRC members spontaneously pledged \$100 to help in the fundraising effort.

## **Announcements...**

➔**BRC Fundraising Raffle: Ann Kappeler** said the planning committee has been working on putting all of the pieces together, and she promised a full announcement next week.

➔**BRC goes international; update:**



**Harry Coin** said that earlier this week he

and **President Rick Bormann** by phone "... had an introductory meeting with the leadership of a Rotary club in the Manila, Philippines region and their past district governor. That club is almost exactly on the other side of the planet from Bettendorf. The club is located in a populous import-export region, but a few

hours away is 'Las Pinas Dump Site' where a few hundred families pick through garbage looking for things to sell. We're looking into partnering with Rotary globally and between our clubs, with an eye toward generating global awareness among our school students, and perhaps generating some infrastructure there as a goal. It's all 'coffee clouds' at the moment, so stay tuned!"

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

**President Rock Bormann** took the microphone into the room to capture these bits of happiness from members attending in-person: **Scott Naumann** – "Harry Coin has a Time Out sweater on today"... **Mike Simons** – a birthday this month and \$\$ to match the number of years... **Monica Kruse** – her daughter has been sick with Covid and its complications since November, but she is getting better + she promoted the Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing June 18 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Indian Bluff Golf

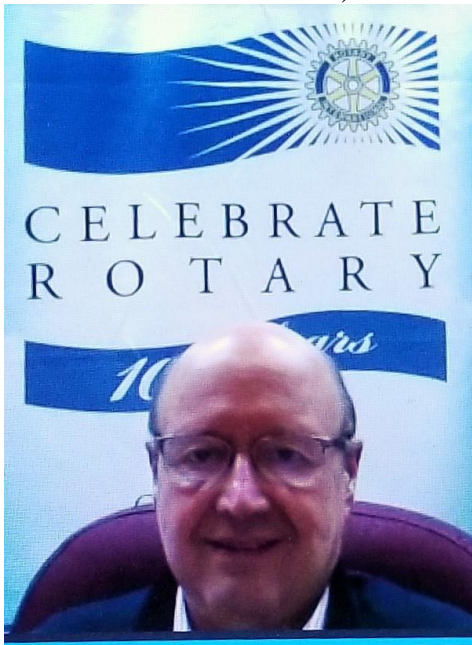


Course, Milan, Ill.; to play or sponsor or for more information, contact Elesha Gayman, [elesha@habitatqc.org](mailto:elesha@habitatqc.org) or 563-359-9066... **Dave Falk** – another birthday, and he's giving \$\$ to match... **Mary Schmidt** – Doctors Day was yesterday... **Ron Crist** – today is his birthday, and he brought his wife Amy as a guest + happy for a super present – he gets to see his parents in person for the first time in a year... **Ann Kappeler** – got her second Covid shot today.



## The meeting opened...

President Rick Bormann called to order the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. After welcoming members, he led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Via ZOOM, **Tom Howard** sang the day's patriotic song, "America the Beautiful." Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops (thanks to **S.K. Nanda**) and we remembered Bettendorfer Don Decker (thanks to **Scott Naumann**). Visitors



included **Past DG Bill Tubbs**, North Scott Rotary. [If there were others, we couldn't hear their names over ZOOM; we apologize for any omissions.]

## At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Mary Schmidt** received the "Happy to Have a Make-up" drawn from among the names of members who shared the source of their happiness in today's 'BRC Happy \$\$.'

In closing the meeting, Rick reminded us to be proud to be Bettendorf Rotarians



## Make up at another QC club...

*[NOTE: Thanks to **Tim Downing** for updating the Davenport club info. If you know of any other listings that need to be updated, please notify the editor; thanks]*

Monday, noon: Davenport – Thunder Bay Grill

Monday, noon: Moline – Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Club Room, Hy-Vee, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.: Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours – Bierstube, Moline

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport

## Upcoming meetings...

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

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## For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

**Website:**

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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorfrotary>

**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...



**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 39)*

**Who invented the automobile in Norway? Henry Fjord!**

Steve Dakin, District Governor 2020-21  
[steve@retiredfun.net](mailto:steve@retiredfun.net)



## The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

**Welcome to Week 4 of RI’s Month of Water and Sanitation**



(This week’s sole report is culled from a published news report on TRF’s contribution to hopefully ending the scourge of Malaria in Africa.)

Malaria, a preventable disease caused by a parasite spread through the bites of

infected mosquitoes, disproportionately affects children under the age of five and pregnant women in rural populations. To help end malaria in Zambia, The Rotary Foundation, World Vision USA and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will each contribute \$2 million for the Rotary-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program. This \$6 million program will add 2,500 community health workers to the national health system in Zambia, allowing for effective malaria diagnosis and treatment for more than 1.3 million people in 10 of the most highly affected districts in Central and Muchinga provinces.

“By empowering community health workers, more people in areas with little to no access to health care will now be reached by trusted members of their communities,” said Bill Feldt, member of the Rotary Club of Federal Way in Washington, USA, who spearheaded the program. “This proven health care delivery model is effective and financially sustainable, and will bring lasting protection by reducing and eliminating this disease at the local level.”

Martha Lungu, executive director for Malaria Partners Zambia, an affiliate of Malaria Partners International, and member of the Rotary Club of Ndola, Zambia, said, “Every day I witness firsthand the effects of malaria. This program demonstrates that Rotary members are true partners in our communities and are focused on supporting community health workers to help loosen the grip malaria has on the Zambian people.”

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is the first awardee for Rotary’s Programs of Scale grant. In an annual competitive

grant process, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s philanthropic arm, will award \$2 million to an evidence-based program that aligns with one of Rotary’s causes and has the capability for scaling-up to help more people. The programs are sponsored by Rotary members in collaboration with local communities and partner organizations.

K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran, trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation, believes that “the power of Rotary is greatly magnified when we partner with like-minded organizations. As we’ve learned from our global effort to eradicate polio, our impact on communities is further augmented when compatible partners contribute their own specialized skills, talents and finances to support our efforts.”

