



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

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*Next, at Tanglewood
Pavilion plus via ZOOM:*

April 14, 2021



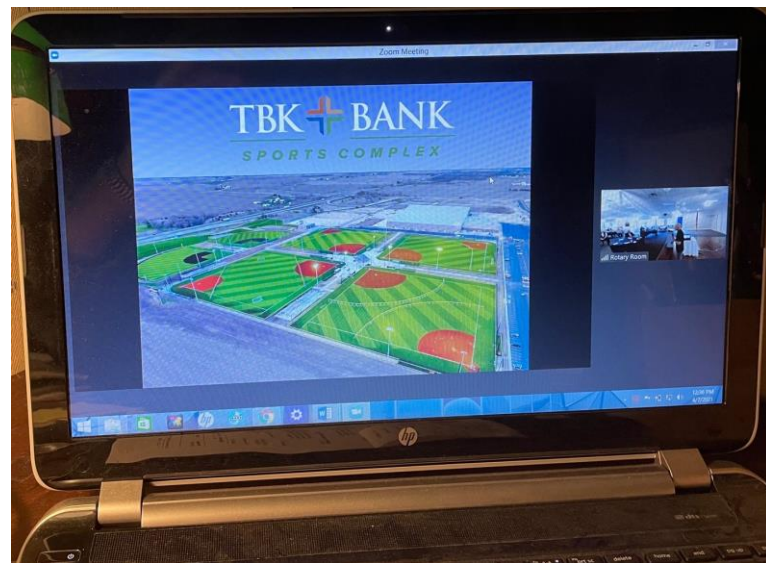
Scott Community College chef shares dietary info

Fans of BRC’s LobsterFests will remember the pleasures of food prepared by Scott Community College’s Chef **Robert Lewis** and his students in SCC’s Culinary Arts Program. We’ll learn a whole lot more about Chef Robert at the April 14 meeting.

For example, go to his Website, The Happy Diabetic, and you’ll find some of his favorite recipes – for dishes from bruschetta to scampi... and more – that tempt the palate while helping diners with diabetes stay healthy.

But that’s not all – program chair **Scott Naumann** promises Chef Robert “... has a lot of other things going on!”

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Sports returning to TBK after Covid

With experience training U.S. Olympic athletes at the national Olympic Training Center, **Dave Stow** said he was surprised in 2019 when he was invited to head the staff at Bettendorf’s brand-new TBK Sports Complex. At first, he was reluctant to come to Iowa, he said at the April 7 meeting. But two days after that call he walked in...

“I couldn’t believe what I was seeing,” he said of the TBK’s top-quality facilities. Four weeks after that phone call, he was at work in Bettendorr.

That was in the fall of 2019. Then half a year later the Covid-19 pandemic forced the sports complex – and much of the rest of society around it – into shutdown.

Dave described some of the effects of that drastic move: Most of the 120-plus employees had to be laid off. Similarly,

the 2,500 Level II fitness members, the four sports club partners and thousands of athletes that had come to use the facilities – all were gone. So, “we limped through the year,” he said.

Flash forward to January 2021, and things began to pick up. “It’s been crazy,” Dave said, in comparison to most of 2020. We’re still cautious,” he said referring to wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and sanitizing surfaces.



But, as a sign of how much change the sports center is enjoying, all 10 outside baseball diamonds are booked for all of the weekends in the season, he reported.

And TBK is continuing to update and revise its facilities. Changes are underway or already completed in volleyball courts, virtual reality games and more. Camps for volleyball, wrestling and other athletes are being planned.

Groups are booking conferences in its meeting facilities. Growth is continuing in what Dave calls “the little community” of businesses surrounding the sports complex – hotels, restaurants, fast-food spots, service stations.

Looking into the future, Dave is thinking how he can leverage his Olympic experience to create opportunities for foreign athletes, as they prepare for the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, to include some training at a certain sports complex in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Announcements...

➔BRC racing for others: President Rick Bormann

reminded us that **Scott Naumann** ran the Easter Egg Scramble fundraiser last Sunday. By participating, Scott earned a \$150 donation to the event from BRC. Rick said Gonzo’s 5-K race is coming up on Cinco de Mayo, and again BRC will cover



the entry fee of one member who wants to participate – adding a \$150 donation from the club to Gonzo’s cause. To volunteer, contact Rick (rick.v.bormann@mchsi.com).

➔**BRC raffle:** Calling attention to information at each table, **Ann Kappeler** mentioned some of the prizes that will be up for bid at the BRC fundraising raffle – including a gift card for Wallace’s Garden Center and a meat bundle at Hy-Vee. She said a thousand \$20 tickets will be printed and will be for sale until the mid-April drawing.

➔**Lunch for teachers:** BRC’s series of free lunches for teachers and staff at all the schools in the city continues with **Monica Kruse** arranging for lunch soon at Lourdes Catholic School. After that, the public high schools will get their turn, Rick said.

➔**Looking for a new Board member:**

Rick noted that his term as president ends



on June 30, as **Larry Thein** takes the gavel in July. That means there will be a vacancy on the BRC Board, as every other member also moves to a new chair. So Rick invited members

to think about running, or nominating another member to serve on the club's Board.

➔**Opportunity: tour Paul Harris'**

home: Scott and Shelly Naumann will attend the April 15 will attend the April 15 Chicagoland Rotary Means Business meeting – the highlight of which will be an in-person and ZOOM tour of the Paul and Jean Harris Home in the Beverly/Morgan section of Chicago. Rotary began in 1905 when (University of Iowa alumnus) Paul Harris invited some other Chicago businessmen began meeting to exchange ideas about how they could be of service. While in-person attendance is limited to 25, the ZOOM connection (which the Chicago club has promised to share with us next week) will enable interested members to go along. The Chicago club also promised to produce a video of the experience.

Scott also shared an inside look at his new role as an at-large member of the District 6000 Board: "The more involved I get the more impressed I am" about Rotary, he commented. Scott especially mentioned the opportunities he's getting to see what other clubs throughout the southern half of Iowa are doing.

The **District Conference** is coming up soon and while attendance is limited to 140 members because of Covid, it will be possible to benefit from ZOOM attendance – see page 5 of this issue of *The BRC News*.

BRC happy, etc. \$\$...

President Rock Bormann took the microphone into the room to capture these bits of news from members



attending in-person: **Peter Paisley** – new management has purchased Ch. 18 and it's making staff changes, so he's letting Rotary friends know he's "open for business"... **Decker Ploehn** – half of \$20 for the person who found **Ken Vandersnick's** keys and half for the crew – 110 volunteers – who worked to clean up downtown Bettendorf last weekend... **Ken Vandersnick** – more \$\$ in thanks for returned keys... **Beth Clark** = happy to be at first in-person meeting in a year + promoting BBBS annual plant sale – at Northwest Bank at north Davenport... **Tom Mielnik** – daughter has been promoted to assistant VP at John Deere Insurance... **Gwen Tombergs** – took first bike ride of the season on Sunday – and fell, breaking her hand – "Happy it's only that!" she said.

The meeting opened...

President Rick Bormann called to order the 49th meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19 and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. On ZOOM, **Tom Howard** sang the patriotic song, "This Is My Country." Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, during which we remembered

our troops, thanks to **S.K. Nanda**, and those suffering because of Covid-19, thanks to **Tom Mielnik. Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced a visitor, Paul Boffeli, president of Build to Suit, guest of **Tim Lane**.

At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Peter Paisley** received the “Happy to Have a Make-up” drawn from among the names of members who shared their news in today’s installment of “BRC happy, etc. \$\$.”

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



Make up at another QC club...

[NOTE: If you know of any 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, 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

Upcoming meetings...

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

April 14: Scott Community College’s Chef Robert Lewis and his Culinary Arts students prepared food for many of BRC’s LobsterFests. We’ll learn more about Chef Robert at the April 14 meeting



For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

Website:

<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary>

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/>



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Rotarians elsewhere...

Dist. 6000 Conference nears

Our District Conference 2021 is coming right up, and just under 2 weeks remain to register for in person attendance, there are 23 spots left! Hybrid registration stays open until 9 a.m. April 22.

Learn about the interesting speakers, service projects, reports on Rotary Youth Programs, and the auction. You can call Carolyn at the District Office at 877-976-8279 to register.

Make your arrangements now to attend this District-wide event!

Proud to be a Rotarian,

Steve Dakin

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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 40)

In these 3 weeks before our, "Living the 5 Way Test" District Conference on April 24, I'm sharing inspiration to help start your Rotary week with a smile!



You may not feel strong but in someone's eyes you are their comfort and strength.



The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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



Welcome to Week 1 of April, RI's Month of Maternal and Child Health.

Maternal and Child Health is one of Rotary International's Seven Areas of focus. The Foundation Minute will begin this month by reminding us all of what the month means.

Rotary International makes high quality healthcare available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of 5 die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation, which are all preventable. This is where TRF comes in.

As of 2018, the Foundation has spent over \$8 million in grants to projects aimed at improving the lives of mothers and children around the globe. TRF provides education, immunizations, birth kits and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

Over the past few years, TRF has contributed immensely to the overall healthcare of needy mothers and children from all regions of the planet. For example, Rotary Clubs in Japan and Brazil used a RF Global Grant to fund lifesaving neonatal equipment. Not only that, in Poland, 26 children traumatized by violence got a chance to be kids again at a Rotary Camp where psychologists "mixed escape and therapy."

Generally, Rotary, through TRF, funds programs that improve women's access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives or community healthcare workers.

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