



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 14, 2021, 50th Covid issue**

***Next, at Tanglewood
Pavilion plus via ZOOM:***

April 21, 2021

**JDC director will update
us on tourney & Birdies**

The John Deere Classic officially teed off earlier this week – and already program chair **Scott Naumann** has scheduled

tournament Director **Clair Peterson** as our guest speaker at the April 21 meeting.



With the Covid-19 pandemic still among us, Clair will report on its impact last year, when JDC had to be cancelled, and how it affects planning for the event this July. As he

has said, JDC consist of two parts – the golf and Birdies for Charity.

Birdies at the JDC has been lauded as one of the most successful fundraisers on the PGA tour. Despite cancellation of the tourney last year, it still earned \$12.2 million to help 465 QC charities. In its history, it has raised some \$133 million.

And BRC is in charge of Hole No. 1!

***This issue:
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**Cooking up batch
of the next chefs**

Scott Community College’s Chef **Robert Lewis**, the featured speaker at our April 14 meeting, gave us a quick overview of the SCC Culinary Arts Program that he heads – and then served up a delicious concoction of details.

Briefly, SCC’s Culinary Arts program serves 50-60 students per year, most of whom are from the QC area. To earn a degree, students take up to three years of instruction and 600 hours of work in area restaurants. The curriculum includes three levels of courses in cooking and baking; instruction in sanitation, nutrition, culinary math, accounting, menu planning and design, wines and other topics necessary for success in any

restaurant setting. One hundred percent of graduates are placed in restaurants.

Chef Robert brought a wealth of culinary experience into the position, including training at the CIA (Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.); operating his own restaurant in Orange City, Iowa; and supervisory and training positions with Cracker Barrel and Happy Joe's.

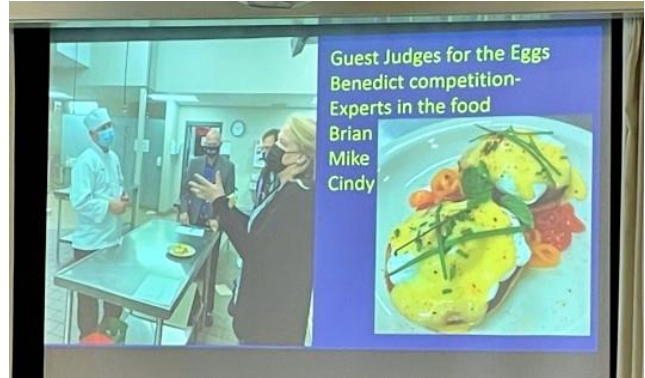
Beyond culinary education at SCC, Chef Robert is a frequent speaker on that specialty plus diabetes – he has Type 2; visit his Website, The Happy Diabetic, where you'll find some of his favorite recipes. They're also published in his three best-selling cookbooks.



Many aspects of SCC's Culinary Arts program embody real-world experience for students and reach well beyond that campus into area schools and adult education. Some examples:

→ Students range from high schoolers who have just graduated to adults who are changing careers, and even former prison convicts (Robert likes to say, "It's not where you've been; it's where you're going" that's most important.)

→ Liaisons with area high schools bring students into SCC's kitchen-cooking lab – and one program gives them the opportunity to complete beginning classes before high school graduation



→ The program is adding space for more students – and adding a patio where they'll learn wood-fired cooking

→ Students get "real-world" experience through instruction in many ethnic cuisines, from adjunct instructions from area restaurants, and by competing with each other to create a specific dish, which then is judged

→ Continuing education courses for adult learners offer the community a glimpse into culinary education – and the chance to add a few recipes to their own kitchen

Besides the restaurant experience that's woven into their instruction, SCC students cook for fundraisers that benefit QC area charities, causes and even some businesses that are its "partners."



Announcements...

→ **BRC raffle:** Ann Kappeler and Tom Mielnik teamed to promote this year's "Backyard Blast" raffle to raise funds for

BRC's community-service projects – and to distribute packets of 10 tickets each for members to sell.

The raffle winner gets all of this:

- \$600 Traeger Pellet barbecue grill-smoker from Bettendorf Hy-Vee
- \$100 meat bundle from Hy-Vee to start the outdoor cooking
- \$500 gift card from Wallace's Garden Center
- \$100 gift card from Crawford Brew Works

Funds raised from the raffle help support BRC projects, such as grants to QC non-profit agencies; holiday food baskets for Bettendorf families in need; scholarships to grads of Bettendorf schools; "Pay-It-Forward" projects with city 5th graders – all of whom receive their own dictionary from BRC; and "Betten-Do" community-service projects.

Tickets sell for \$20. The winner will be drawn at noon Wednesday, June 9, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion (need not be present to win). Raffle rules are at www.bettendorffrotary.com.

Ann added an incentive to spur ticket sales: the member who turns in the first envelope with \$200 in it can choose one of her specialty cakes (more on that below in "BRC happy \$\$ plus"). The second \$200 envelope earns a panful of **Brian Goerd**'s delicious sweet rolls.

→**Lunch for teachers:** BRC's free lunches for teachers and staff at all city schools continued today at Lourdes Catholic School. Next: Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools.

→**BRC racing for others: President Rick Bormann** said two members, **Scott Naumann** and **Dean Kraus**, will be competing in the Gonzo's Mexican

Restaurants' Cinco de Mayo 5-K race, which kicks off at Gonzo's Davenport location. This year, proceeds from the race – BRC is paying for our member-athletes' fees – go to the Quad Cities Autism Center, which provides resources to persons with autism and their families. BRC also gives \$150 to a charity chosen by our members – Center for Active Seniors in Iowa (CASI) for Scott, and a charity that helps rehabilitate abused horses, thanks to Dean.



JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC

→**JDC sign-up now open:** The John Deere Classic is back for 2021, **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** reports in a late-breaking email. Registration for volunteers has opened; follow this link: <https://johndeereclassic.com/vvolunteer>

The web-site will ask you for a code when you pick Bettendorf Rotary's Hole No. 1 as your choice. The code is:

BettendorfRotary

Volunteers are needed July 7-11. Covid-19 has caused some changes in rules that pertain to volunteers – more information on that in next week's newsletter.

→**Opportunity: tour Paul Harris' home:** As this newsletter is still being written, **Scott** and **Shelly Naumann** are on their way to attend the Chicagoland

Rotary Means Business meeting, the highlight of which includes a ZOOM tour of the home of Rotary founder Paul and Jean Harris Home.

If your editor gets it all written in time, you may be able to attend that ZOOM tour using this link, starting at 6 p.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3665225789?pwd=MlRaNkxQMctYTVVWahJENk4wNDgzQT09>

Meeting ID: 366 522 5789

Passcode: 2848PH

In any case, Scott and Shelly have promised to report on the event at next week's regular meeting.



BRC happy \$\$ plus...

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

attending in-person: **John Rabine** – birthday this month, rounded up to \$100 + kudos to the Bettendorf Public Library Board for appointing the new library director, Jillian Aschliman, who succeeds BRC member **Sue Sharp**, who retired in February... **Tom Howard** – he and fellow patriotic song singer **Dick Hanzelka** are happy to return to in-person attendance... **Decker Ploehn** – happy fellow member **Mile Ingleby** has paid portion of the Christmas tip... plus concern over the rise in Scott County of new Covid-19 cases – all of which have been people who have not received one of the vaccines – “so get vaccinated!”... **Larry Thein** – “Here’s my ticket envelope with \$200 in it – I want a German Chocolate cake!”

The meeting opened...

President Rick Bormann called to order the 50th meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of



Covid-19 and led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Tom Howard** – in-person, but via ZOOM from the exterior exit door – sang the patriotic song, “God Bless America.” (Explaining why Tom was over there, Rick said now is not the time to relax Covid-19 safety protocols, so this is the safe way to return that much singing to our meeting.)

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops; remembered fallen Iowa State Trooper Jim Smith, whose wife has QC roots; and offered support for the victims of the Covid pandemic and the health workers who care for them. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced a visitor, Jason Cousineau, guest of **Carrie Lamb**.



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **John Rabine** 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. \$\$.”

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



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Upcoming meetings...

Meeting programs thanks to Program Chair **Scott Naumann, 563-505-7953;**
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April 21: John Deere Classic Director Clair Peterson: the golf tournament and Birdies for Charity



April 28: Dave Heller, majority owner and managing partner of the Quad

Cities River Bandits: updates, including its new status as an Advanced-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals and changes planned for Modern Woodmen Park

May 5: Former BRC member Ryan Bell, now an Iowa City Rotarian: the quest for more members in District 6000

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/>

Rotarians elsewhere...



Rotary District 6000 governor...

'The fifth test' – "Is it fun?"

It's less than 2 weeks before our "Living the 5 Way Test" District

Conference on April 24. If you haven't registered, please do so soon!

Here is another inspiration to help start your Rotary week with a smile (Version 40):

We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

– Fred Rogers, television host, songwriter and author (20 Mar 1928-2003)

Steve Dakin
District Governor 2020-21
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District Conference April 24 – You can still attend!

District 6000 Coordinator Carolyn Scharff reports: "If you haven't already registered and your Saturday night April 24 is open, come open Rotary Opportunities by attending District Conference. We have a good size group registered but there are still some openings if you act now!"

"Here's the information on our website and registration details:

<https://rotary6000.org/event/conference--stories-and-fellowship---boone/>

"The evening starts with an hour for the dessert silent auction of scrumptious dessert from the DMACC Culinary Institute and the Dutch Oven Bakery in Boone and the opportunity to view tables of Rotary projects! There will be fellowship, Rotary stories, awards, a live auction of a handmade queen size quilt and more!"

"This is a wonderful opportunity to see Rotarians you know, meet others and HAVE SOME FUN!"



The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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



Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Month of Maternal & Child Health.

During this past week in Rotary, several clubs around the globe contributed one way or the other toward making the world a better place, especially for mothers and their children.



In continuation with the theme of Maternal and Child Health, the Rotary Club of Gibsons in British Columbia, Canada, carried out a Rotary Foundation funded project to help South African mothers be more self-dependent. A report published by Coast Reporter states that when it comes to their international service projects, the Rotary Club of Gibsons has a clear mandate: to provide a “hand up” and not a hand-out. This attitude was evident in the club’s most

recent project that delivered 100 Survival Garden Kits to vulnerable women in South Africa. The \$20,000 raised by the club was supplemented with a \$10,000 grant from the Rotary Foundation. As a result, 100 families now have the gardening tools, seedlings, fertilizer and training to plant homestead gardens.

“The COVID pandemic has created another challenge in many developing countries,” said Lynne Geikie, club treasurer. “It’s a hunger pandemic; a shortage of food. These garden kits will help create food security for struggling families, not just immediately but for the long term as well.”

The kits were distributed in celebration of World Water Day, March 22. Central to the garden kits is the hippo water roller, an innovative tool that gives women an easier and more efficient way to transport water to their gardens. The hippo roller moves five times more water and with considerably less effort than the traditional method of carrying buckets on the head.

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”
– Marcel Proust

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