



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
April 21, 2021, 51st Covid issue**

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

April 28, 2021

**What's new this year with
the QC River Bandits**

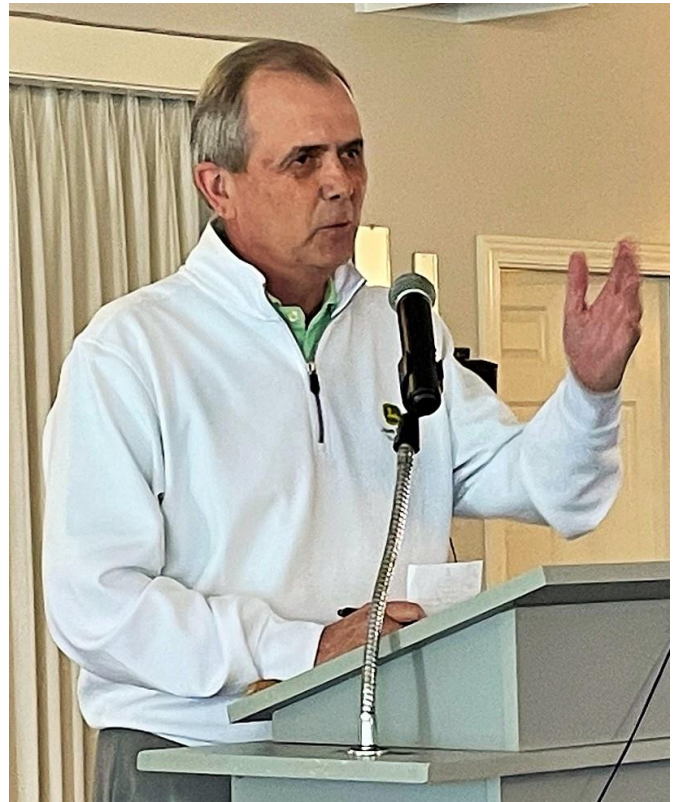
In early April, it was announced that the Quad Cities River Bandits and 11 other Midwest League teams would be moving up one level of play this year, having been “promoted” from Single-A to Advanced-A minor league baseball. That puts Quad Cities players just below Double-A and one step closer to the major leagues.

The scheduled speaker for the April 28 meeting is **Dave Heller**, majority owner and managing partner of the River Bandits, who will tell us what the



upgrade to Advanced-A – and its affiliation with the Kansas City Royals – means for the team. He’s also expected to fill in details of the team’s plans to upgrade Modern Woodmen Park.

***This issue:
April 21, 2021***



**JDC ‘different’ but
it’s definitely on**

While the John Deere Classic will tee off this July, there’s still a great deal of uncertainty in the details, we learned from tournament Director **Clair Peterson** our guest speaker at the April 21 meeting. While that uncertainty is linked to Covid-19, it’s made more complicated because both the State of Illinois and the Professional Golfers’ Association issue rules – and they are changing as the pandemic evolves.

Amidst all of this, one thing is certain, Clair said: both parts of the JDC – the athletic competition and the support for

QC charities – will occur this year. Covid caused cancellation of the golf last year, but a modified Birdies for Charity still earned \$12.2 million to help 465 QC charities.

“Every dollar collected” in Birdies goes to the designated charities, Clair explained. But actually more than that amount is involved because of direct donations not linked to the number of birdies made in the tournament.

That level of successful support for local charities has earned the JDC, and the QC, the title of “most engaged” site on the PGA tour, he said. In its history, the event has raised some \$133 million to benefit not-for-profit organizations.



As for the details about this year’s JDC, Clair said:
→Pledges for donations to charities must be made at the JDC

Website and will not be linked to the number of birdies the golfers make – click “Donate” button at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/about/charity-spotlight>.

→You can still guess how many birdies will be made – that enters guessers in the drawing for the free use of a sponsor’s new car.

→Because of Covid protocols, it’s still not known how many fans will attend.

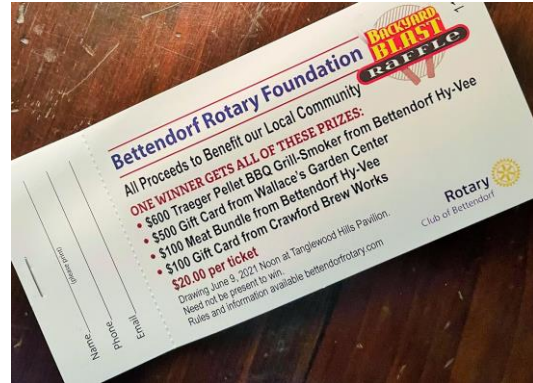
→JDC will have 156 pro golfers... “but we still don’t know exactly who.”

→Open-air will be the rule for all VIP and other venues that have been enclosed and air-conditioned in other years.

→Fans will be “free to roam” the course, rather than confined to tightly packed viewing areas.

Announcements...

→BRC raffle: Ann Kappeler said ticket sales are “off to a great start” as she praised members such as **Mary Schmidt** and **Kevin Koellner**, who have already sold multiple packets of tickets – and asked for more. That prompted Ann to promise to bake a cake – or more than one – for each of them.



Sales of tickets – which go for \$20 each – help support BRC projects, such as grants to QC non-profit agencies; holiday food baskets; scholarships to grads of Bettendorf schools; “Pay-It-Forward” projects by 5th grade classes; and “Bettendorf” community-service projects.

The winner of the raffle – whose name will be drawn at noon Wednesday, June 9, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion (need not be present to win) – will receive 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

Ann ended her announcement with an air of mystery, telling members to “mark your calendar for Aug. 21 – there’ll be something fun...”



→ **Guardian of Integrity nominee:** **Scott Naumann** recalled the names of past BRC members who have been nominated to receive the District 6000 Guardian of Integrity Award, named after past Dist. Gov. Paul Hellwege of Boone, who exemplified integrity by applying Rotary's 4-Way Test to every aspect of his life.

Scott announced that this year's nominee from Bettendorf Rotary is **Tim Lane**, who has served the community and Rotary in many ways, including this year as an assistant district governor. Asked to say a few words, Tim – who obviously was caught by surprise – simply said, "I'm extremely humbled."

→ **Sign-ups open for JDC volunteers:** As it has for years, Bettendorf Rotary provides volunteers to be marshals at Hole No. 1. Registration for volunteers opened last week; just follow this link: <https://johndeereclassic.com/volunteer>.

Pick Bettendorf Rotary's Hole No. 1 as your assignment, and enter this code:

BettendorfRotary

Volunteers are needed Wednesday, July 7 (the Pro-Am Day), to Sunday, July 11.

Volunteers get FREE...

→ Round of golf at TPC Deere Run (\$30 cart fee – it's not transferable)

→ Lunch each day you work at the tournament

→ Parking and Shuttle service

Also, volunteers are eligible for prizes drawn randomly all during tourney week.

"For 2021, due to limited capacity and health and safety protocols, the volunteer badge cannot be used to gain entrance to the tournament on days (when) not working as a volunteer," the Website announced.

→ **Update: tour Paul Harris' home:** As part of next week's meeting, **Scott** and **Shelly Naumann** are planning to report on their tour of the home of Rotary founder Paul and Jean Harris, which was part of last week's Chicagoland Rotary Means Business meeting.

BRC happy \$\$ plus...



As he has for many weeks during the time of Covid-19, **President Rick**

Bormann took the microphone into the room to capture these bits of news from members: **Dr. Tom Olson** – happy to report past president Dave Death is in good health (and Tom openly admitted he didn't have a pun!)... **Larry Thein** – happy for **Tim Lane**'s nomination...

Tim Lane – happy Edward James named one of the best companies to work for, for the 22nd year + named No. 1 for investor satisfaction... **Carol Foster** – kudos to Home Instead (**Ada Christopher**) for arranging help for her Mom... **Bill Daley** – congratulations to Tim... who was the best man at his wedding... **Ann Kappeler** – had a great time at **Scott Naumann**'s "It's a Mystery" last Saturday + congratulations to Tim... **Joe Pacha** – happy to be back – after 52 weeks... **Tom Mielnik** – happy about progress with the raffle + kudos to **Dean Kraus** for all the tickets he's moves... **Decker Ploehn** – happy Clair Peterson is here today + kudos to Tim + happy two firefighters are now permanently staffing the Surrey Heights station.

The meeting opened...



President Rick Bormann called to order the 51st meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. After the bell sounded, he welcomed all in attendance and led the recitation of The 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** stepped to the exterior door and sang, "This Is My Country," the day's patriotic song. Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops and offered support for the victims of the Covid pandemic. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced guests:
 →Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary Club
 →**George Coin**'s health aide, Hayley
 →Dave Borcharding, Iowa QC Rotary
 →Jason Cousineau, guest of **Carrie Lamb**
 →Nate McConnel, guest of **Carol Foster**



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Carol Foster** 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 28: Dave

Heller of the Quad Cities River Bandits: the team's new status as an Advanced-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals and changes planned for Modern Woodmen Park.



Also, **Scott** and **Shelley Naumann** share info on their recent tour of the home of Rotary founder Paul Harris in Chicago

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.bettendorfrotary.com/>

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...

Inspiration to start this week of District Conference with a smile and maybe a chuckle!

“You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf”.

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 RI's Month of Child and Maternal Health



Here is another report that shows the good that Rotary clubs around the world have been doing. This week our two

reports are from Southeast Asia where projects were completed aimed at improving the health of mothers and children.

The Rotary Club of Tirupur Smart City, India (D-3202) in partnership with Rotary clubs of Wuse, Central Abuja, Nigeria (D-9125) and Tirupur Metal Town, India, worked on “The Life on Wheels,” a Global Grant project funded by TRF. The \$55,796 (USD) was spent on a well-equipped van designed to receive blood donations simultaneously from three persons. The mobile blood bank can collect 100 units a day and store up to 150 units daily.

The project chairperson, K. Ganesharmoorthy, said the Blood Bank on Wheels would help to create awareness on blood donation “through its public address system, holding camps in remote rural areas and enhancing Rotary’s public image.”

A bank of another sort was set up by The Rotary Club of Guwahati, Assam, India, (D-3240) in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Moorpark, Calif., USA (D-5240). Completed with a Global Grant funded by TRF, worth \$35,158 US, these clubs established a Human Milk Bank at the Satribari Christian Hospital. The bank will pasteurize and freeze breastmilk collected from donor mothers who have enough milk and are willing to donate.

The Rotary Club of Guwahati’s president, Bibhuti Dutta, said the milk bank facility will help reduce neonatal mortality rate in that part of India. According to Dr. Devajit Kumar Sharma, the neonatal specialist at the hospital, birthing mothers will be the primary donors. The hospital will organize camps in the villages to encourage lactating mothers to donate.

Every day in 2017, approximately 810 women died from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Between 2000 and 2017, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR, number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births) dropped by about 38% worldwide. 94% of all maternal deaths occur in low and lower middle-income countries. Young adolescents (ages 10-14) face a higher risk of complications and death as a result of pregnancy than other women. Skilled care before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborns. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/maternal-mortality>.

Reminder:

April 24, 2021: D6000 District Conference “Living the 5th Way Test”, you can still register!

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