



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

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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*Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion
plus via ZOOM:*

June 2, 2021

Meet Kim Kidwell, learn about new leisure plans

She was a guest at the May 26 meeting;
on June 2 you can hear **Kim Kidwell**,

recently named director of both the Family Museum and Bettendorf Parks & Recreation, describe what's new in the city's recreation programs.

New recreation opportunities include "The Forge," a family-friendly 18-hole putting course at Palmer Hills, the expansion

of the park at Forest Grove Road, updated programs at the Family Museum and planned renovations next winter for the "Frozen Landing" ice skating park at Middle and Spruce Hills roads.

Kim became the museum's director in January. She was hired as a part-time employee in 2004, promoted to full-time in 2007 and served as co-interim director with Jeff Reiter from 2013 until January when he was named Bettendorf's economic development director.



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The arts enhance quality of QC life

As the featured speaker at the May 26 meeting, **Kevin Maynard**, director of Quad City Arts, elaborated on its mission – to enrich the quality of life in the six-county Quad Cities region through the performing and graphic arts.

QCA carries out an extensive program of arts education and enrichment, which Kevin described. And he provided insight into how last year's Covid-caused shutdown both challenged and expanded its programming. He also described how the arts enrich the community – and add dollars and cents to its bottom line.

While the arts enrich the community's quality of life, they also have a positive impact on students who are involved in the arts, Kevin pointed out. For example, students in the arts are more likely to graduate, vote, participate in society in other ways – and are less likely to commit crimes.

Although restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic took a toll on the arts in 2020 and earlier this year, in normal years the arts contribute about 5% to the gross domestic product. The arts enhance income from tourism, providing exhibitions, performances and attractions for visitors, he said. For example, each fall the Festival of Trees has about \$1.5 million in economic impact in the QC, in terms of lodging, food and entertainment.

Kevin elaborated on a number of QCA programs and how they impact those who participate in them; some examples:

Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Since the summer of 2000, area youth 15-21 years old have participated in paid summer apprenticeships in various arts disciplines. For five weeks, area youth work together in groups to complete art projects under the supervision and mentor-ship of professional artists. As they hone artistic skills, Kevin said, they also learn about the responsibilities of the world of work.

Visiting Artists Series. Each year QCA brings professional performers into the community's schools where they perform for the kids and tell them what a life in the arts is like. The educational resources arising from these artists include brief demonstration videos, study guides, workshop-style videos and more – and the community has access to them at the QCA Website.

During the 2020-21 Covid shutdown, the video and online resources were expanded, Kevin said, since the artists couldn't be here in person.

Performing Arts Signature Series. In addition to their work in schools, artists from the Visiting Artist Series present “dinner and a show” performances for

audiences, which include meals from a premium QC restaurant. **Tim Dowling** described how the Dowlings enjoyed a virtual version during the shutdown – with curbside take-out from a restaurant and access to an online performance by a visiting artist that was recorded for this event.



Chalk Art Fest. In its 5th year, this free, two-day street painting festival, brings together hundreds of artists who spend hours transforming blank pavement into works of art, in chalk. This year's fest, which includes music, food and activities, runs June 26-27 at Schwiebert Park, Rock Island.

Visual Arts Galleries and Programs. QCA displays the works of established and aspiring area artists at its Rock Island Gallery and at the QC International Airport. It publicizes exhibitions at these and other locations in the area.

Public Sculpture. In many public spaces around the QC, we can see sculpture – some permanent and some for a year or so – much of it created by local and regional sculptors. Bettendorf displays them at such places as City Hall, Faye's Field, the Veterans Memorial Park and the Waterfront Convention Center.

High School Art Invitational. Each spring, QCA displays artwork from top

high school artists, chosen by their art teachers. The exhibit fills the walls of its downtown Rock Island gallery,

Riverssance Festival. QCA has taken over this fall event, formerly held by Mid-Coast Arts, at Lindsay Park in the Village of East Davenport. It typically draws some 90 exhibiting artists and includes gourmet food, wine tasting, live regional music and children's art activities. It's scheduled for Sept. 18-19.

Announcements...



→ **Volunteer as a marshal at JDC:** Saying there's still a need for volunteers to be marshals at Hole No. 1 of the John Deere Classic, **Jeff Hassel** said needs are:
 Wednesday, July 7 – 3 more
 Thursday, July – 3 more

Friday, July 9 – 2 more
 Saturday, July 10 – 2 more
 Sunday, July 11 – 6 more
 Contact Jeff: 563-332-1982 or hassel14@gmail.com.

→ **Lobster Rock 'n' Rolls, Saturday, Aug. 21:** A fun way to raise funds for BRC's projects, Lobster Rock 'n' Rolls has been called "Like LobsterFest, only better". Hy-Vee is supplying all of the food; there'll be cocktails an auction – with more details to come. Already Abbey Carpet Gallery and TBK Bank have signed on as presenting sponsors – and there's opportunity for more.

→ **Backyard Blast Raffle:** After introducing the day's guests, **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** said that only about 375 of the 700 packets of tickets for BRC's fundraising raffle had been returned – and the drawing for the winner of the package of prizes that could

enhance any backyard party is in two weeks. She urged all members to return ticket packets and the money they raised selling tickets.

The winning ticket will be drawn at noon **Wednesday, June 9**, at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion. The winner will receive:
 → \$600 Traeger Pellet barbecue grill-smoker from Bettendorf Hy-Vee
 → \$100 meat bundle from Hy-Vee
 → \$500 gift card from Wallace's Garden Center
 → \$100 gift card from Crawford Brew Works

BRC happy \$\$ plus...

President Rick Bormann prowled the room with the microphone searching for news that members wanted to share. **Ann Kappeler** – happy to see guest Tom Fedje + attended the Scott County Regional Authority's presentation of 66 charitable grants, including the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high school project to build an airplane... **Sharon Sarver** – happy to see Kim Kidwell as a guest + enjoyed the golf-cart tour of Bettendorf parks – "there's another one in the fall"... **Michelle Morse** – thanks to BRC for



buying lunches for teachers and staff at all of the city's schools... **Erica Schroeder-Cerda** – a grand-daughter named Ophelia has joined her family.

The meeting opened...

The bell sounded, and **President Rick Bormann** called to order the 56th meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. The Covid era may be



drawing to a close – at this meeting, masks were absent and most of the table-top Plexiglas shields have been donated to Adults with Disabilities, Rick announced.

Rick led the recitation of the 4-Way Test.

Tom Howard sang, “God Bless America,” the day’s patriotic song. Rick led

the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, during which we honored our troops, those suffering because of Covid, those caring for Covid patients and the family of others in the QC in need of support. **Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced today’s visitors: Kim Kidwell, guest of **Decker Ploehn**, and Tom Fedje, guest of **S.K. Nanda**.

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Erica Schroeder** 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: Thanks to Scott Naumann for updating the Davenport Rotary meeting information. If you know of any other listings that need to be updated, please notify the editor; thanks]

Monday, noon: Davenport – Davenport YMCA

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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Many thanks for last week's intrepid newsletter staff, Harry Coin, as editor, and Sandy Yoder, photographer, who ably filled in while your editor was with his wife for her cataract procedure.

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Upcoming meetings & more...

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

June 2: Kim Kidwell, director of Family Museum and Bettendorf Parks & Recreation: what's new in recreation

June 9: NOON: Winning ticket to be drawn in the BRC Backyard Blast Raffle

Saturday, Aug. 21: BRC's Lobster Rock 'n' Rolls fundraising event, Tanglewood Pavilion

Sept. 22: Annual BRC Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course – no regular meeting

For more on Bettendorf Rotary:

Website: <http://www.bettendorfrotary.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorfrotary>

To join BRC meetings via ZOOM, 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...

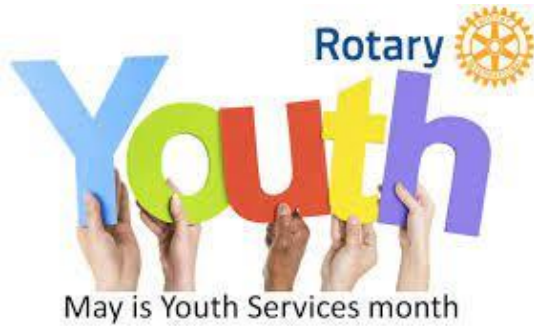
The Rotary Foundation Minute...

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

Welcome to Week 4 of Rotary International's Youth Service Month.

In his current commentary on TRF, Foundation Trustee Chair, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran assures Rotarians that the future is bright. "In a year when people were unable to meet, families stayed secluded, and businesses struggled to flourish, we still managed to go forward together in many areas, Through Rotary Foundation Grants, clubs and districts brought creative solutions to their pandemic-hit communities. Since March 2020, the Foundation has awarded over \$34 million in grants to initiatives related to Covid-19." (Rotary, June 2021).





Last week’s Foundation Minute featured Rotaract clubs and how they carry out the spirit of TRF in their humanitarian activities. The focus this week is on Interact clubs.

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored club, most often school based, that gives young people between the ages of 12 and 18 an opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. Members are involved in numerous activities aimed at improving lives for members of their immediate communities.

- Interact – coined from INTERnational and ACTION
- First club founded Nov. 5, 1962
- Interact Club of Melbourne High School, Melbourne, Fla
- Motto is “Service Above Self”.
- About 342,000 members
- Almost 15,000 clubs
- 145 countries
- District 6000 has 27 Interact clubs

In Rotary,
 Olabisi Gwamna, PhD
 Mount Pleasant, Iowa Rotary
 Editor, Foundation Minute

Opportunity to Volunteer for the Iowa Senior Games...

Carolyn Scharff in the District 6000 office sends this urgent plea for help from the Iowa Games:

“My name is Ryleigh Collum, I am an intern with the Iowa Senior Games this summer. Currently we are in need of volunteers for the 2021 Summer Iowa Senior Games, and we need your help.

“The Senior Games are only three weeks away, and we need ... volunteers for Friday and Saturday. Attached is the information for the volunteer opportunities available June 9-13.

Information Link:

<https://www.iowaseniorgames.org/about/volunteers/>

Registration Link:

<https://events.clearthunder.com/ISG2021V>

If you have any questions, please let me know:

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Rotary District 6000 governor...

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

If a bird flies into a fan, you get shredded tweet.

Proud to be a Rotarian,
 Steve Dakin
 District Governor 2020-21
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