



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

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
*June 9, 2021, 58<sup>th</sup> Covid issue*

*Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion  
plus via ZOOM:*

June 16, 2021

## Several prospects... come and find out which one...

Program Chair **Scott Naumann** had several prospective programs “on the hook” as the newsletter deadline approached. But each one had an extenuating circumstance that kept it from committing just yet. So come and see who said yes first.

In the meantime, reserve these dates on your calendar:

→**June 16:** It’ll be good... but we just don’t know which one it will be... yet

→**Saturday, Aug. 21:** BRC’s Lobster Rock ‘n’ Rolls fundraising event and auction at Tanglewood Pavilion

→**Sept. 22:** Annual BRC Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course – no regular meeting, but grilled steak and more after the golf that evening

Nearly 50 times a year, Scott brings us a program that leaves us knowing more than we knew when we arrived. If you learn about something that might make a good program, contact him at **563-505-7953** or [scottnaumann@msn.com](mailto:scottnaumann@msn.com).

*This issue:*  
June 9, 2021



## Legislature ends; spending plans

The 2021 session of the Iowa Legislature has ended, and true to Bettendorf Rotary Club tradition, the primary representative in the Iowa House, our own **Gary Mohr**, presented his summary on what the session produced. Since Gary chairs the House Appropriations Committee, he focused primarily on where the money comes from – and especially where it’s budgeted to be spent.

More than 900 bills were introduced in this session, Gary reported, with 270 of them passed by the House but 176 of them clearing both House and Senate and sent to the governor.

The budget for fiscal 2021-22 projects general fund income at \$8.118 billion. The plan is to spend 97.83% of



anticipated revenue, which would leave an end-of-year balance of \$385 million. Iowa's governmental income is derived primarily from three types of taxes, Gary explained: individual and business income plus sales.

Since Republicans held overwhelming majorities in both houses, their spending priorities were the priorities of the legislature, Gary said. The top categories were education, public safety and expansion of broadband service currently underserved areas of the state.

Spending on all categories of education during the coming fiscal year is projected to consume 53% of the state's budget. That will fund kindergarten through grade 12 public schools – with a 2.4% increase, to \$7,227 per student. Also included is total funding for the three state universities and the community colleges.



By carefully examining the public safety budget, Gary said his committee discovered that officials were filling their equipment needs by failing to fill all of the authorized personnel positions. To solve both needs, he said the legislators provided more funds for equipment and the hiring of 30 more highway patrol officers.

Several changes were made in state funding for healthcare, Gary said. The

state now assumes the full cost of mental health programs, instead of having those funds come from regions of the state. The new budget increases funding for patients who need round-the-clock care, for children's mental health, for both nursing home and home health care, and it provides incentives to recruit and retain health providers.

The fastest growing segment of the budget, Gary said, pays for Medicaid and mental health care, now at 20%.

## BRC happy \$\$ plus...

As **President Rick Bormann** roamed around the room with the microphone, members shared their news:



**Kurt Lokenvitz** – been gone for a while, so marking two birthdays... visiting Rotarian and **former member Kevin Kraft** – happy to be back at BRC... **Peter Paisley** – daughter was married... visiting (Moline) Rotarian Mark Carlson – invitation to Moline Rotary's golf outing to benefit St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation... **Scott Naumann** – reported BRC members had donated \$320 to the QC Heart Walk; during the meeting, members donated an additional \$250 – and Scott invited all to participate in the virtual walk, starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12 – register at [https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/HeartWalk/MWA-MidWestAffiliate?px=1223479&pg=personal&fr\\_id=5631](https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/HeartWalk/MWA-MidWestAffiliate?px=1223479&pg=personal&fr_id=5631) ... **Sharon Sarver** – happy to see Kevin Kraft, **Kurt Lokenvitz** and **Larry Thein** at the meeting... **Kevin Koellner** – thanks to **Ann Kappeler** for the second cake she baked for him as a reward for his selling

**13 books** of tickets in the Backyard Blast Raffle – and for all of her work on the raffle... **Mary Macumber Schmidt** – excited that Trinity’s Bettendorf hospital won a national award for its response to heart patients... **Bill Daley** – older daughter surprised her sister (and all of the family) by attending her graduation... **Brian Strusz** – youngest daughter graduated from high school – and thanks to BRC for all scholarships this year... **Tim Lane** – birthday “51 or 52” + happy Tim Cernin of Hy-Vee is at today’s meeting – “thanks for your support”... **Larry Thein** –in just two weeks “I’ll become president, and you’ll see me every week”... **Penny McGimpsey** – happy especially having Mike Vondran, former boss, and Tim Cernin of Hy-Vee as guests... **Kurt Lokenvitz** again – thanks to **Sharon Sarver** for the “desserts for a year” he got from her in last year’s raffle... **Ann Kappeler** – kudos for all BRC members who do good things “behind the scenes,” such as **Joe Champion** building bird houses and giving all the \$\$ to BRC... **Brian Goerdts** – son graduated from high school... **Rick Bormann** – “I’m happy to see so much happiness today.”



## The meeting opened...

As promised in the publicity for the Backyard Blast Raffle, at the stroke of

noon, **Tim Cernin**, manager of the Bettendorf Hy-Vee – which donated two of the prizes - drew the name of the raffle winner: Steven Campbell.

**Ann Kappeler**, who had spearheaded the raffle, celebrated its success: After first thinking to print 200 tickets, she said, the decision was made to run 1,000. “And we sold 700 – which, at \$20 a ticket, brought in \$14,000!” She thanked all members for their sales efforts, especially **Mary Macumber Schmidt**, who sold five books of 10 tickets, and **Kevin Koellner** – who sold 13 books and earned two of Ann’s incentive cakes.

The raffle winner’s prize consists of a \$600 Traeger Pellet barbecue grill-smoker from Bettendorf Hy-Vee; a \$100 meat bundle from Hy-Vee; a \$500 gift card from Wallace’s Garden Center, and a \$100 gift card from Crawford Brew Works – equal to a great beginning for a backyard blast.

Before the raffle drawing, **Scott Naumann** brought a sheet cake into the room and announced that today was **Shelly** and his 20<sup>th</sup>



wedding anniversary. Over the next few minutes, small pieces of the cake appeared at every table.

After the raffle festivities, the bell sounded, and **President Rick Bormann** called to order the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. He led the recitation of the 4-Way Test.

For the first time in 58 meetings, **Tom Howard** led – and we all joined in





singing – our patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, when we especially remembered our troops and those suffering from Covid.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced visitors: Mike Vondran, guest of **Mayor Bob Gallagher**; Terry Thompson, guest of **Gary Mohr**; Jillian Aschliman, Bettendorf Public Library director, guest of **John Rabine**; Tim Cernin of Hy-Vee, guest of **Ann Kappeler**; Mark Carlson, Moline Rotary, visiting **Mike Simons**, and former member Kevin Kraft, visiting from Arizona.

### At the end...



“BRC happy, etc. \$\$.”

... of the meeting today, **Kevin Koellner** received the “Happy to Have a Make-up” drawn from among the names of members who shared their news in today’s installment of

### Make up at another QC club...

*[NOTE: To update any of these listings, 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, 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

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### For more on Bettendorf

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## To join BRC meetings...

... on ZOOM, every Wednesday noon:  
<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 2 of Rotary International's Month of Fellowship.**



This news from the chair of TRF Trustees, R.K. Ravindran – Because the high demand for global grants is far exceeding and outpacing the growth in Annual Fund contributions, the World Fund is depleted well before each Rotary year ends and we find ourselves in a position where we cannot fund all the global grant requests we receive.

This Rotary year, we've taken several cost-saving measures in an effort to fund more global grants. For example, the Trustees and the Board recently

transferred \$15 million from the Foundation's operating reserves and Rotary International's budget surplus to the World Fund.

In total, nearly an additional \$20 million is being made available this year, but unfortunately, even that is not enough to fulfill the applications that are expected to be submitted.

REMINDER: Register today for the 2021 Taipei Virtual Rotary International Convention, June 12 - 16, 2021:  
<https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>  
(Copy the above link into your browser to get to the registration site.)

In Rotary,  
Olabisi Gwamna, PhD  
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## What happens when you give to the Rotary Foundation?

Your gift is transformed into projects that:

- Promote peace and provide clean water and sanitation in Papua New Guinea
- Keep students in school in Tanzania
- Mobilize Rotarians around the world, including in the United States, to use our expertise in disease prevention and treatment to support Covid-19 vaccination efforts
- Help mothers and children get healthy food in Guatemala
- Continue our work toward a polio-free world, building on a recent big achievement in the African region
- Protect the environment by training farmers in places like Taiwan in organic farming techniques

These projects are possible only when Rotary members like you take action and



donate to The Rotary Foundation. Help your community and empower your fellow Rotarians around the world to make a difference by making a gift to our Foundation today.



### Rotary District 6000 governor...

*Inspiration to start this week with a smile and maybe a chuckle (Version 49):*

Proud to be a Rotarian,  
Steve Dakin  
District Governor 2020-21  
[steve@retiredfun.net](mailto:steve@retiredfun.net)

### Invitation to District 6000 Gavel Passing

“Dear Rotary District 6000 family and guests,



“Please join us for the gavel passing [at 1 p.m.] on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June to felicitate, celebrate and thank our very own great DG Steve Dakin and First Lady

Lesley Dakin for a great year of leadership, service, inspiration and fun! Come to the beautiful community of Keokuk, Iowa [Victory Park]. Please RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

“If you are joining us on the River Cruise [3 p.m., Legacy River Cruise], reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Please let me know now that you want to do the river cruise so I can reserve your spot. Payment for the cruise [\$20 with half going to the Rotary Foundation] can be given to me at the door on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much and I’m looking forward to seeing you all. Please note I will leave the wearing of masks to your comfort level. You will have a chance of meeting a special guest from Rotary! (Surprise)

Best Wishes  
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