



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

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
June 16, 2021, 59<sup>th</sup> Covid issue**

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

**June 23, 2021**

**What do you want to  
know about heart health?**



**Cathy Brandt**, corporate events director for the Northeast Region of Iowa of the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association – who is our scheduled speaker on June 23 – will ask members present to

choose the day’s discussion topic:

→**Impact in the QCA:** How support for AHA impacts local communities

→**Urban / suburban vs rural:** Heart health inequalities, rural vs in-town

→**7 salty myths:** how to keep healthy blood pressure and manage salt intake.

→**Hands-only CPR:** chance of surviving cardiac arrest drops 10% per minute – this improves the odds until help arrives

Cathy organizes the Dubuque and Quad Cities Heart Walks. She is the mother of two boys saved by heart research, technology and education.

***This issue:  
June 169, 2021***



**Giving new life to  
a building in RI**

**Tom Thoms** of Rock Island has been a guest at several recent BRC meetings, so it was like having a friend tell us about a favorite project at the June 16 meeting.

Two QC Jewish congregations are joining together in a different worship location in Davenport, causing the home of the Tri-City Jewish Center in Rock Island to become vacant – meaning, to Tom, that it will now be available for a new use. Not just a new use, he explained, but many possibilities for creative and not necessarily traditional combinations of uses by many kinds of community residents.

Two existing organizations in Rock Island – the Public Library and the YMCA – are exploring ways to use the building beyond their traditional roles. “Not just a place to check out books or go and work out,” Tom said.

At the beginning of his talk, Tom had pulled out two rather large knives and walked into the room to give **Decker Ploehn** a knife and a head of lettuce and another knife plus a loaf of bread to **John DeDoncker** – with loose instructions to get cutting.

As Tom described how the structure in Rock Island will be remodeled in time for a projected reopening in mid-2022, he offered some random examples of creative ways people in the community will be able to use the repurposed building – such as.

→To address important issues, like food insecurity, economic and racial inequities, at the same time: “After school, a kid can come and have a snack, do homework and then join a pickup basketball game in the gym.”



→To provide a place where expertise in as wide a range of issues as may exist in the whole community can be brought together to be easily accessible to all. Tom suggested that support groups for Parkinson’s or cancer survivors could be meeting as people with specific dietary needs, such as those with diabetes, are getting a cooking lesson.

The facility will be able to reach out to the community in many ways, Tom said; for example:

- A kitchen large enough to prepare a thousand meals a day to fight hunger
- A gym where youthful athletes can practice and compete
- A shady garden for quiet reading or private conversations.

Tom said about 80% of the \$7.8 million needed to repurpose the building has already been donated.

## Announcements...



→**Tiny house update – and work:** One Eighty, the organization that exists to help people with troubled lives turn those lives around, is nearing completion of two more tiny houses on its central Davenport property. BRC has helped support construction of the 400-square-foot duplexes by giving the project a grant and securing a District 6000 Grant.

Now, **President Rick Bormann** announced, it’s time for the finishing touches on these latest tiny houses. **Joe Campion** is ramrodding the work – on Saturday, June 26 – to plant shrubs, spread mulch and clean up the lot. Volunteers were asked to fill in a signup sheet for the work, which Joe estimated would take 3 hours or less. The tiny houses are on space behind the One Eight Community Center, at 1117 and 1119 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport.





**Saturday, August 28, 2021**  
**Tanglewood Hills Pavilion, Bettendorf**

➔ **Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll: Ann Kappeler** and additional members of the committee planning this 14<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser, **Gwen Tombergs, Shannon Chap** and **Shelly Naumann**, updated a number of aspects of the event:

➔The date has been changed to **Saturday, Aug. 28** because the QC Symphony changed its Pops Concert to the original date, which would offer too much competition.

But it will still be at **Tanglewood Pavilion**, it will still be **under a giant tent**, it will still offer **food, drink and live music**, and it will still draw a crowd to bid on **auction** items.

➔Speaking of the auction, every member present was asked to jot down ideas for items, services, entertainment or other experiences, including get-away destinations, that guests could bid on.

➔In addition to Presenting Sponsors TBK Bank and Abbey Carpet Gallery, there’s still lots of opportunity for companies, or individuals, to be sponsors at various support levels:

**Presenting sponsor: \$5,000**

**Gold sponsor: \$2,500**

**Silver sponsor: \$1,000**

**Bronze sponsor: \$500**

Each sponsorship earns lots of visibility in publicity and at the event, plus free tickets.

Please contact any committee member with your ideas on any of the topics:

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➔**Backyard Blast Raffle follow-up:** **Ann Kappeler** sent along this photo of Steve Campbell, winner of the Backyard Blast package – which included his new grill. He bought his winning ticket from **Shawn Langan**, she reported.

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



**President Rick Bormann** roamed around the room with the microphone, so members could share their news or views:

**Ann Kappeler** –

Quoting Mark Twain, who observed, “Do not complain about growing old. It is a privilege denied to many”, rounded her birthday \$\$ up to 100... **Decker Ploehn** – a “public service” announcement: Devils Glen Road is full of orange cones everywhere, “so stay away till they’re gone”... visiting former member Rich James – reporting his new Rotary Club, Summit County, Colo., had a successful fundraising event, its annual Ice-Melt Contest to predict when a nearby lake would no longer support something on its ice... **Joe Champion** – still euphoric about the enthusiasm at last week’s meeting: “We’re back!”... **Shelly Naumann** – updated result of the Backyard Blast raffle – \$14,500!

## The meeting opened...



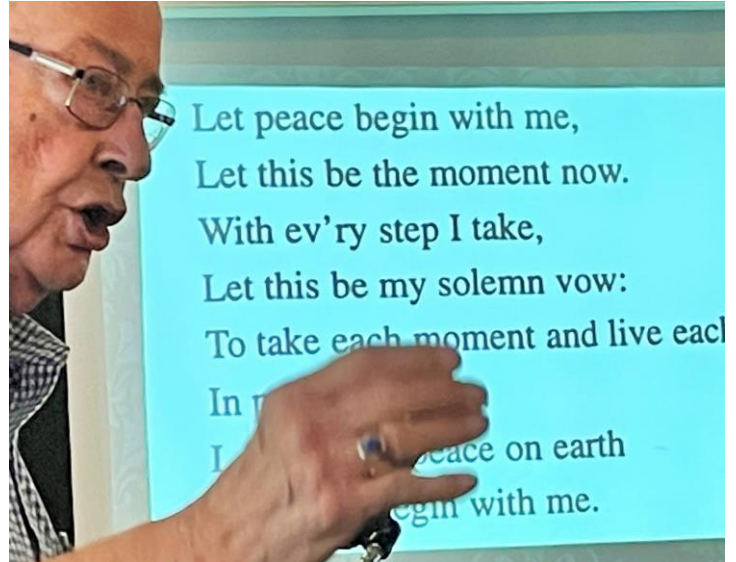
**President Rick Bormann** called to order the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bettendorf Rotary Club in the time of Covid-19. He led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** led the group singing of our

patriotic song, “God Bless America.”

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, when we especially remembered our troops; those suffering from Covid; and among those who passed this week, the father of **Carrie Lamb** and Bobbi Rogalski, the wife of

the retired president of St. Ambrose University.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced visitors: Terry Thompson, for the second week in a row, the guest of **Gary Mohr**, and former BRC member Rich James, the guest of **Greg Windmiller**.



After “BRC happy \$\$ plus”, **Tom Howard** gave us one more tuneful signal that we’re pretty much back to normal – he led the group in singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth” on “There Are Smiles.”

## At the end...

... of the meeting today, **Joe Champion** 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.\$\$ plus.”





**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

**Upcoming meetings & more...**

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

**June 23:** Cathy Brandt of the American Heart / Stroke

Association lets us choose what she talks about

**June 30:** The gavel passes from **President Rick Bormann**

to **President-elect Larry Thein**

**Saturday, Aug. 28:** 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



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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**



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## **Rotarians elsewhere...**

### **The Rotary Foundation Minute...**

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



### **Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Fellowship Month**

A state-of-the-art medical instrument for cataract surgery has been donated to an eye hospital in Lagos, Nigeria. The multi-million-dollar world-class hospital is an on-going project of the Rotary Club of Lagos Palmgrove Estate (Nigeria, D 9110), a partnership with Indo Eye Care Foundation and the Indian community.

The hospital received the \$250,000 (USD) piece of equipment through a Global Grant written by the Rotary Club of Lagos Palmgrove Estate and the Rotary Club of Singapore and the participation of Districts 9110, 3310, 1110 and 1175. The Indo Eyecare Foundation is the caretaker of the medical facility. At the transfer ceremony on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, TRF approved project became the largest eye hospital not only in the district, but throughout Africa.

At the ceremony, Past Assistant Governor (D-9110) and coordinator, Mission for Vision, Femi Adenekan, disclosed that the RC of Lagos Palmgrove Estate had already provided for 4,000 and 5,000 surgeries but “more can be done with this facility.” He believes that more than 10,000 Nigerians will benefit from free surgeries performed at the new center every year. “Rotary has changed the world. These free eye surgeries have given sight to so many people who never thought they could see again.”

2022 Rotary International Convention: June 4-8, 2022  
Registration Now Open!  
Learn more at:  
[convention.rotary.org/en/houston](https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston).

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



### **Rotary District 6000 governor...**

*Inspiration to start this week with a smile and maybe a chuckle (Version 50):*

**Golf balls are like eggs: they're white, they're sold by the dozen and a week later, you have to buy more.**

### **Knock, Knock: Opportunities Are Knocking**

With all the challenges we have had during this 2020-2021 Rotary year, I want to praise all of the District 6000

clubs for finding ways to continue meeting, following through on service projects, and supporting local and global communities. Using technology and local ingenuity, clubs were able to meet while observing the Covid restrictions. This reinforces my feeling that your Rotary club and its service to the community and world are necessary and meaningful to YOU...thus, the need to keep projects moving forward and, also, to sustain the fellowship that your meetings provide. BRAVO!

It is this commitment, which I witness daily that warms my heart and assures me that District 6000 and our individual, yet collective clubs can continue to serve our communities, PolioPlus, and people around the globe.

RYLA is in need of two Rotarians to complete the staff from July 17-23. This is your opportunity to encourage future leaders by listening and sharing your experiences. Please consider joining us at Coe College that week. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Steen at [pythagoras78@hotmail.com](mailto:pythagoras78@hotmail.com).

During the 2020-2021 Rotary year I was not able to meet in person with some of the clubs around the District. I am eager to join you at your meetings in person and share some ideas. Recently, Dave Cook, Membership Team leader, and I have had the opportunity to attend and present at various clubs. The Membership Action Team Chairs Dave Cook and Scott Naumann and my message is to encourage membership growth and offer our assistance to you. Of course, for those clubs which I was lucky to visit in person, it would be Dave's and my pleasure to provide a program regarding membership. If we can assist your club, please contact me.

I wish I could have started my governor's year with the knowledge I have today, but 2020-21 has been a learning experience for all of us. I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to be your district governor. It is with my utmost appreciation to Carolyn Scharff, district executive administrator, for being a listening ear and keeping me "on track" as the Rotary year evolved. There are numerous Rotarians who have supported me and guided my choices. I am very grateful to all of you. Thank you again.

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