



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
June 30, 2021, 60<sup>th</sup> Covid issue**

*Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion  
plus via ZOOM [see p. 6]:*

**July 7, 2021**

## **Look for orange cones at Sports Complex: Morlok**

**Brent Morlok**, Bettendorf city engineer, is slated to speak to us at the July 7 meeting to report on how streets around the TBK Sports Complex are going to be upgraded. That means orange cones for a while – and then better traffic flow.

Here are some details the city Public Works Department announced last fall:

The Sports Complex has been a magnet for nearby commercial development – shops, bars, restaurants, even a hotel and a clinic. But roads and streets in the neighborhood have not been upgraded to carry the increased traffic.

Plans are underway now to build a multi-lane intersection, with turn lanes at Middle and Forest Grove roads. Forest Grove will be widened from Middle west all the way to International Drive. Middle will be widened north of the intersection.

Traffic signals will be added to direct the traffic flow through the newly rebuilt intersection.

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## **Looking back at an ‘unusual’ year**

With more than a little understatement, outgoing **President Rick Bormann** spent the final meeting of his presidency recapping the “unusual” year since July 2020 – as Bettendorf Rotary found ways to serve others amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rick took office three months after the U.S. began a shut-down to drastically limit person-to-person contact and slow the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. That caused a great deal of uncertainty, Rick said, in every aspect of life. America became a patchwork of where and how to work, go to school and carry

out essential services. Rules kept changing as health officials learned more about how the virus worked.

In the midst of all of that, Rick said BRC members kept their commitment to be of services – but how that would happen had to change with the circumstances..

“We chose to endure with faith,” Rick said, and as a club:

→Our membership grew from 95 to 102

→Every week or so we picked a school and bought lunch for every teacher and staff member in it – in the end, we bought some 1,300 lunches for every public and private school in the city of Bettendorf.

→Many not-for-profits had to revise their fundraiser fun runs and walks into virtual format. BRC paid the entry fees so 15 members could virtually walk or run in some of those events.

→BRC provided grant money to fund the One-eighty Tiny House project – and voted \$7,000 for roof repairs after the Derecho storm.

→Some of our community-service projects – holiday food baskets to needy folks and scholarships to grads of city schools – went ahead much as in a normal year.

Through it all, Rick said BRC adapted to changes in the pandemic and kept finding ways to serve others.

Rick closed his recap with a line from Paul McCartney’s “Let It Be”:

“And when the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me, shine on till tomorrow: ‘Let it be’.”

Rick then made the analogy: “What made this year so special, we all came here as a

club in a year it was cloudy – and all year there was a light that shined on us – and it was the Bettendorf Rotary; Rotary does shine on till tomorrow.

“As Paul McCartney said: ‘Let It Be’.”

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After Rick’s presentation, incoming **President Larry Thein** changed the banners of the Rotary International president, from Holger Knaack’s 2020-21 theme, “Rotary Opens Opportunities,” to Shekhar Mehta’s “Serve to Change Lives,” the current year theme.

## Member induction...

→**Five new members join BRC:** Covid-19 caused Bettendorf Rotary to cancel, modify or postpone many things, including the induction of new members who joined during that uncertain time. Five of those who joined in those months were inducted at today’s meeting..

**S.K. Nanda** presided over the induction of these new members into Bettendorf Rotary:



→**Shannon Chap** – Strategic supply management specialist at John Deere and a Realtor at Mel Foster. She and her husband of 12 years are parents of four boys



→**Penny Guenther** – business development officer at Blackhawk Bank & Trust. She’s happy all three adult children and grandkids live locally.



→**Terry Thompson** – CEO of TTE Transcripts Worldwide, which she described as individuals working remotely even before the pandemic.



→**Melissa Pepper** – president and chief strategy officer at Total Solutions, which provides support services for small companies.



→**Brock Biggerstaff** – vice president of client relations at American Bank & Trust. He, his wife and two young sons came to the QC from Central Iowa.

During his comments, S.K.

noted that the new District 6000 governor is Alka Khanolkar; succeeding Steve Dakin

## Announcements...

→**Tiny House project: Joe Campion** reported that “Team Tiny House” had planted 10 shrubs and a tree, weeded and moved “about 20 tons of crushed rock” during the work session Saturday morning. He asked the team to stand for recognition, and thanked them for their work improving the appearance of that property – for which BRC also secured grants.



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

➔ **Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll:** Efforts are ongoing to enlist more sponsors and create packages on which to enter bids during the auction. In addition to Presenting Sponsors TBK Bank and Abbey Carpet Gallery, sponsorships are available at these support levels:

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

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

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

**Bronze sponsor:** \$500

The planning committee consists of:

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

**President Rick Bormann** took the microphone into the room so members could share their news or views: **Maria Osterberg** – looking for a new job and a new daycare... **Bill Daley** –

congratulations to incoming **President Larry Thein**... **Ann Kappeler** – kudos to **Joe Campion** and the entire Tiny House crew... **Dr. Tom Olson** – speaking of Joes, “I guess I was supposed to say something Whitty”... **Decker Ploehn** – said he had challenged **Harry Coin** to lead organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – and Harry came through with 14 Civil Air Patrol volunteers... **Harry** – the last two weeks in North Carolina for a family wedding full of good memories, including his parents dancing with the bride and groom... **Scott Naumann** – he and **Shelly** attended passing of the gavel to the new district governor, and the official beginning of his three years on the district Board; and he’s very impressed with the district’s leadership... **Larry Thein** – happy about the induction of five new members – and more to come – plus enjoyed seeing his son pitch a good game last night.



## **The meeting opened...**

**President Rick Bormann** called the final meeting of his presidency to order and asked for a moment of silence in

remembrance for all of those who have died, world-wide, because of Covid-19. He led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** led the group singing of our patriotic song, “America the Beautiful.”

Rick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Moment of Silence, when we especially remembered our troops and former

Bettendorf Mayor Ann Hutchinson, who was injured in a fall..

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced frequent guest Mark Carlson of the Moline Rotary Club.

After “BRC happy \$\$ plus,” Tom led the group singing of “Sing out a Song of Rot’ry” and, to honor the end of his presidential term, “For Rick’s a Jolly Good Fellow.”



### **At the end...**

... of the meeting today, **Ann Kappeler** 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)**:

#### **July 7:**

Bettendorf city engineer Brent Morlok: how streets around the TBK Sports Complex are going to be upgraded



**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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<http://www.bettendorffrotary.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bettendorffrotary>

## 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 the last week of June, the Fellowship Month of Rotary International**

News from Italy reports that 16 Rotary Clubs from Romagna (Northern Italy) have responded to the needs of the Romagna healthcare system. Joining forces, they participated in a Global Grant funded by The Rotary Foundation. The 78,000 Euro grant (\$93,092 USD) made it possible for the clubs to launch a telemedicine project



for the assistance and home monitoring of patients that have had cardiac devices (pacemakers, defibrillators and resynchronizers) implanted.

“Remoteheart” is a project based on the remote control of the latest generation of implantable cardiac devices, which allows communication with a transmitter in the patient’s home that then sends technical data, parameters and clinical information to the patient’s doctor. Thanks to the Romagna Rotary Clubs, this project will now be extended to the whole of USL Romagna.

“We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what *Service Above Self* means for Rotarians.”

Holger Knaack, Rotary magazine, June-July-2021

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

**Rotary District 6000 governor... →DG21-22 plans visit: District Gov.**

**Alka Khanolkar** (2021-22) and her husband **Kiran** plan to

visit Bettendorf Rotary on Wednesday, Dec. 1, as reported in the March-June issue of *District 6000 News*,

