



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
July 14, 2021

Next, at Tanglewood Pavilion plus via ZOOM [See p. 5]:

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Shawn Langan to share insights to Ruhl career

From time to time we have the opportunity to learn what our fellow members do in their “day job.” The July 21 meeting is such an opportunity, when we’ll hear from **Shawn Langan**, vice president/director, and commercial sales associate at NAI Ruhl Commercial.



Shawn focuses on retail, office, multi-family properties, and land and investment real estate opportunities. With more than 23 years of business ownership and management experience, he says, “I have a great understanding of what it takes to run a business and how crucial it is to have the right property and the correct cost structure.”

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Spotlight: more than a theatre

After committing to acquire and operate The Spotlight Theatre in the Scottish Rite Masonic Cathedral in downtown Moline, husband-wife team Sara and **Brent Tubbs** were able to stage just one production in 2020 before Covid-19 closed down... everything.

The speaker at our July 14 meeting, Brent described how the couple invented ways to keep the for-profit theatre going.

The Tubbses came to the QC from California eight years earlier when Brent took over management of his father's industrial cleaning business. But the theatre was what they really wanted to do with their lives. Brent, a QC native, said he started acting in third grade at the Davenport Junior Theatre – and has been on-stage or behind it ever since. Sara has been performing for 22 years using talent she cultivated as a musical theater major at California State University-Fullerton.

Through friends they learned of the opportunity at The Spotlight Theatre and took it. The Covid shut-down led them to expand their entertainment offerings well beyond the theatrical performances they had originally envisioned. With a family-friendly emphasis – “Maybe we’ll do one PG-rated production a year,” Brent said – they see Spotlight as a “Disneyland of theatre” where they “create experiences for everyone.”

The Scottish Rite facility has venues where that can happen, including:
 →The 600-seat theatre, where plays and musicals are performed – “Little Shop of Horrors” opens in September



→The Tubbs (Sara) and Moss jazz trio will play July 17 in a more intimate setting, with seating at small tables, a dance floor – and baked desserts
 →Summer Arts

offers “Freaky Friday One-Act” with 7 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31 and a 2:30 p.m. July 31 matinee

→S.K.I.T. (Spotlight Kids in Training) introduces kids in Kindergarten-3rd grade to the theatre in a summer camp the week

of Aug. 2-6. Brent explains: “Each day will focus on a Disney musical as the students will learn a song, choreography and a craft.”

There’s also space for weddings, anniversaries and other special events. Learn more about The Spotlight Theatre: <https://www.thespotlighttheatreqc.com/>.



New member induction...

→**Jason Cousineau inducted:** For the third week in a row, **S.K. Nanda** inducted a new member into Bettendorf Rotary: **Jason Cousineau**, who works with Real Producers, a group of magazines “for and about real estate’s top performers” — the top 300 agents who dominate their local market, Jason said.

He said he joined BRC “to deliver on a promise to be more involved in the community.” He and his wife Michelle are parents of Annie, 5, and Audrey, 2.

Rotarian of the Quarter...

→**Dean Kraus honored:** **Mike Ingleby** awarded Dean Krause Rotarian of the Quarter honors for his work on the Golf Outing. After assisting **Larry Thein** at the helm of the event the previous year, Dean turned this primarily social event into a fundraiser – returning it to the



status it held before the advent of LobsterFest. Dean raised more than \$7,000 by recruiting sponsors for the outing.

Dean announced that the date has been changed to **Sept. 8**, because he is accompanying his Dad on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on the scheduled date.

Golfers can begin signing up for tee times next week, he added.

Announcements...

→ **Opportunity to serve on the Charities Board: President Larry Thein** explained the BRC Charities Board has been expanded to 10 members, so there is opportunity for a handful of members to join the group that weighs 40-50 grant requests each year to decide which ones will receive Bettendorf Rotary Charitable Grants – and for how

much. Tell any BRC Board member if you are interested.



Saturday, August 28, 2021

Tanglewood Hills Pavilion, Bettendorf

→ **Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll: Ann Kappeler** and one of **Scott Naumann’s** alter-egos, a cowboy-hat wearing guy named “Randy,” led off a roundup of information and recruitment about BRC’s main fundraiser, in August. **Decker Ploehn** joined them along the way, and they told us:

→ The roster of sponsors, led by Presenting Sponsors Abbey Carpet Gallery and TBK Bank, so far has pledged \$28,500 in support

→ The format for this year’s event has morphed away from the usual LobsterFest format because the unpredictability of the pandemic interfered with flying lobsters in from New England, the usual chef crew would not be available – but Hy-Vee generously will donate all of the food for the event

→ That menu will include such delights as lobster rolls (sound a bit like the title?). crab cakes, beef and prosciutto-wrapped asparagus

→ Tickets went on sale today – \$75 apiece; \$600 for a table of eight
 → To buy tickets or a table, review and bid on auction items, go to the site:
<https://bettendorffrotary.home.qtego.net/>



After imparting all of those details, “Randy” and Decker asked members for commitments to sponsorship, auction items or packages – which yielded, among other promises:
 → A “Texas brisket” for eight – **Harry Coin**
 → Subscriptions to “the area’s best newspaper” – Bill Tubbs
 → A Spotlight Theatre basket – Brent Tubbs, our speaker
 → Bottles of wine, tickets to various events and more...

Contact a Lobster R-n-R committee member with more commitments or ideas:

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BRC happy \$\$ plus...
President Larry Their gave members the opportunity to share their news or views: **Decker Ploehn** – happy about

how well the July 4 parade went, thanks to big roles played by BRC members **Ann Kappeler** and **Harry Coin**... **Dr. Tom Olson** – taking his pun-ishment to Rotary club at Lake Geneva next week... **John DeDoncker** – \$57 check for that anniversary of his birth... **Ann Kappeler** – happy **Harry Coin** is offering his brisket for auction again – she asked him to tell the story of last year’s winning bidder... Harry said he was set to deploy to Kuwait on the original date, but that was changed at the last moment; his wife, a friend of **Monica Kruse**, has said she may join BRC.

The meeting opened...



At the sound of the bell, **President Larry Their** called the meeting to order, welcomed all and introduced the day’s speaker, Brent Tubbs.

Larry led the recitation of the 4-Way Test. **Dick Hanzelka** led the group singing of our patriotic song, “This Is My Country.”

Tom Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Larry introduced the Moment of Silence, when we especially remembered our troops.

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced the lone visitor, Past District Governor Bill Tubbs of North Scott Rotary.

It was announced that **Monica Kruse** brought a second round of birthday treats for the month of July. After announcements, Tom led the group singing of two verses of “A Helping Hand.”



At the end...

... of the meeting today, **John DeDoncker** 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.”

Upcoming meetings & more...

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

July 21: our own **Shawn Langan** provides an inside look into his work at Ruhl Commercial

July 28: Kirby Winn: why the QC Blood Center changed its name to Impact Life

Aug. 4: Heidi Huiskamp Collins

of the Bettendorf Business Network

Aug. 28: BRC’s Lobster Rock ‘n’ Rolls fundraising event and auction at Tanglewood Pavilion

Sept. 8: Annual BRC Golf Outing at Palmer Hills Golf Course – no regular meeting, but dinner that evening

Dec. 1: District Gov. Alka Khanolkar and her husband Kiran plan to visit BRC



For more on Bettendorf Rotary...

Website:

<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

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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, 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

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 RI's Month of Transition

Three and a half years ago, thousands of people across Swindon, United Kingdom, and surrounding villages came together for a special fundraising appeal. They jumped out of planes, cycled across the UK, drove to Cyprus and Mongolia, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, took on the UK Great North and South Runs... and more.

At the end of the three-year-long effort, Rotarians in Swindon have raised a third of their 2.9-million-pound goal. The news this week from Great Britain is that the new radiotherapy center at the Great Western Hospital, Swindon, is operational. Rotarians contributed over \$166,000 USD, which was matched by TRF with an additional \$243,295.

This is the largest ever Rotary Foundation Grant to be awarded to a project based in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The center will improve access to

radiotherapy and cancer treatment in the south of England.

District Rotary Foundation chair and member of the Global Grant team, Peter Wells said: "This is a local effort by local Rotarians from Swindon, Royal Woolton Bassett and Marlborough, backed by Rotary International. This is what Rotary is all about: delivering practical projects that provide potentially life-changing solutions to local problems."

As we transit to the new year, let us continue to further the goals of TRF: advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health... among others.

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

Rotary District 6000 governor...



Weekly R.I.S.E Action Team message:

The R.I.S.E. Action Team (Resources for Inspiration and Special Events) Co-Chairs
Joyce Taylor

and Sara Simon share this with you:

"A river cuts through a rock not because of its power but its persistence."

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