



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
Aug. 25, 2021

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

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What we can do about Iowa workforce shortages

The Center for Industrial Research and Service, or CIRAS, at Iowa State University has conducted research into workforce issues in the state since 1950.

In light of that research, **Ronald A. Cox**, the head of CIRAS, is scheduled to speak at the Sept. 1 meeting of BRC.

The research reveals and helps explain causes of Iowa’s current workforce shortages. That knowledge forms the basis for a new approach to looking at workforce – leading to a discussion of what the data suggests are a company’s or a community’s best options to address workforce needs and grow, given the existing constraints.

Ron grew up in Dubuque and earned B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in aerospace engineering at Iowa State. Before heading up CIRAS, he designed airfoils and fighter aircraft, was a professor at the University of Oklahoma and was an executive for a manufacturer of cooling towers.



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Library gathers global learning

During September and October, the Bettendorf Public Library offers many ways to celebrate the world beyond U.S. borders through its Global Gathering programs, **David Otten** of the library staff told us at the Aug. 25 meeting.

They began 15 years ago with explorations of the culture, history, language and cuisine of a single country – early Gatherings delved into India and China – or of a region, such as the Middle East. Later, they offered single-country programming every-other year.

This year the library is going global, David said, with “programs and activities related to cultures from around the world.” He described many of the learning experiences the library will offer this year:



→**Robert E. Brown Center for World Music:** Musicians at this center on the University of Illinois campus introduce one instrument at a time and then play it

in performance. Part 1 of the video is available beginning Sept. 1, and Part 2 a month later by logging into www.bettendorflibrary.com/adult-programs.

→**Culinary World Tour Video Series:** Throughout September, master chefs sisters Karena and Kasey Bird explore the world “one plate at a time” via a 10-part video that explores the cultures and cuisines of countries in Asia, Europe, the Pacific and the Americas.



→**Spice Kits:** On Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27, take-home kits will be available that contain a sample of a spice, a recipe that uses it and background information on the culture it comes from.

→**Trax from the Stax:** To involve another sense,

hearing, in Global Gathering, the “Rough Guide CD” session at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, will delve into the sounds of various parts of the world.

→**Art of Haiti:** Davenport’s Figge Art Museum houses a definitive collection of art from Haiti. A program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, combines an explanation of what distinguishes Haitian art, why the Figge has its collection and close-up experiences with the art.

→**Belgian Culture:** A large number of Quad Citians have roots in Belgium, and a presentation at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, delves into that country’s culture, history – and why so many people migrated from there to this area in the latter 1800s.

→**Book discussions:** “Get Lit” book discussion groups meet every month, and during the Global Gathering World Tour,

they take on two authors from abroad: Ethiopian-American author Maaza Mengiste’s novel *The Shadow Kinga* beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; and Vietnamese writer Viet Thanh Nguyen’s *Nothing Ever Dies* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12. Similarly, mystery novel lovers can discuss *Old City Hall* by Canadian novelist Robert Rotenberg at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. And Contemporary Book club members can delve into Hungarian novelist Magda Szabo’s *Abigail* at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, or 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; French writer Muriel Barbery’s *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15; or *The Last Witnesses* by Belarusian author Svetlana Alexievich at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20.

To learn more about Global Gathering go to www.bettendorflibrary.com or call 563-344-4175.

Bettendorf Rotary is a co-sponsor along with the Library Foundation, Quad City Bank & Trust, Morgan Stanley, HNI Corp. and Twin State.



Announcements...

→**Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll:** With this year’s lobster-themed fundraiser this Saturday, **Aug. 28**, we learned from **Ann Kappeler** that all 300 tickets have been sold. As we met, a crew was already working to set up the giant party tent in a

section of the Tanglewood Pavilion parking lot.

Anticipation of the event grew as we saw a banner naming all of the sponsors at the front of the meeting room. To get food and drinks for lunch, we walked past tables loaded with all kinds of goodies – special event tickets, get-away weekends, restaurant gift cards, beer, wine and other beverage packages and lots, lots more – that we can bid on during the auction.



Every piece of the Super Special Drawing for a Solo Stove Ranger Backyard Bundle – including matching chairs and even bundles of kindling – was on display. That bundle comprises:
→ Ranger — portable, smokeless fire pit
→ Stand — blocks most heat

transfer to the surface below it
→ Shield — traps sparks and embers
→ Shelter — protects Ranger from the elements
The \$20 tickets will only be sold at the event – right up to the drawing.

Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll kicks off when **bar service opens at 5 p.m.** After that:
→ **Dinner stations** – serving lobster rolls, grilled beef medallions... beer and wine prepared by Hy-Vee – **begin serving at 6**
→ **The live auction starts at 7:15**
→ **The band** – Wicked Liz and the Belly Swirls – **plays at 8**

→ **Golf Outing: Dean Kraus** said 13

teams of golfers have signed up so far for the **Wednesday, Sept. 8, Outing.** He added, the **last opportunity to sign up is next week’s meeting.**



Fees are: for golf plus dinner \$65 for members or guests / \$260 per foursome. The after-golf dinner of grilled steak or salmon is free for members, \$15 for guests at dinner only – please tell **Dean** or **Maria Osterberg** that you’re dining, if you haven’t already done so.

Questions? Contact **Dean** at 309-230-7131 or dkraus@bankorion.com or **Maria** at mosterberg@legat.com or 319-721-1806..

→ **Charities Board update: President Larry Their** praised the “great turnout” for the informational meeting on the Charitable Grants Board that followed last week’s regular meeting. He said he’d make a full report in September after the BRC Board meeting.

BRC happy \$\$ plus...



President Larry Their invited members to share their news: **Sharon Sarver** was happy that **Decker Ploehn** survived his repelling trip off the roof of

Hotel Blackhawk + happy about today’s meeting on a special Bettendorf Public Library program... **Ann Kappeler** attended last week’s North Scott Rotary meeting, where she promoted Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll – and auctioned a chocolate cake she took along; she told them **Tim Lane** (who used to be one of

their members) had bought one for \$200 – prompting a hike in the bidding to \$225... **Scott Naumann** – filed the paper-work to run for another 4-year term on Bettendorf City Council... **Bill Daley** – happy to be back after a bout with Covid-19 + thanks to **John DeDoncker** whose TBK Bank is co-lead-sponsor of Lobster Rock ‘n’ Roll with Abbey Carpet Gallery... **Tom Mielnik** – also happy to have recovered from Covid – he said he quarantined in the basement of his daughter’s home in Massachusetts... **Decker Ploehn** – thanks for all of the support as he went Over the Edge of the Blackhawk Hotel – he raised \$11,605 for BBBS, beyond his target \$10,000... **Frank Mitvalsky** – not especially happy, but could use a make-up... **Dr. Tom Olson** – saw “Decker spraying on Raid – the repellent” ... prompting somebody to suggest he should be fined \$20 for such pun-ishment.

The meeting opened...

President Larry Thein called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He led the recitation of The Four-Way Test.

Dick Hanzelka led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “This Is My Country,” and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry led the Moment of Silence – when we especially remembered our troops; those caught up in the turmoil in Afghanistan; and community friends who are ill with Covid-19 or other health issues. Also, we learned **Dean Kraus**’s brother is recovering from Covid-19, **Maria Osterberg**’s grandmother is improving after a stroke, **Beth Clark** faces hip surgery, and **Bill Daley** is glad to be back after Covid-19..

Club Secretary Shelly Naumann introduced the day’s guests: Mark Carlson and Janet Holt, Moline Rotary; Marcia Erikson, guest of **Maria Osterberg**; Jason Vanderweelle, guest of **Dean Kraus**; David Otten, Bettendorf Public Library staff, today’s speaker; and Jennifer Coin and Tina Cunningham, daughters of **George Coin** and sisters of **Harry Coin**.

After Announcements, **Tom Howard** led the singing of “Rotary Ideals” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Dr. Tom Olson** won the drawing for a free make-up 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**:



Saturday, Aug. 28: BRC’s Lobster Rock ‘n’ Rolls fundraising event and auction at Tanglewood Pavilion
Sept. 1: Ronald Cox, Iowa State University’s Center for

Industrial Research and Service: Dealing with Workforce Shortages

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

Tuesday, Sept. 14: “Fireside chat” – members who have joined in the last year learn more about being a Rotarian, 6 p.m. at Tangled Wood restaurant

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 (effective through June 29, 2022):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86114972491?pwd=c3RZdm5qL01EckFWZzFrSjZkZ01ZZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1497 2491

Passcode: 816180



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

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Rotarians elsewhere...

For more on Rotary International:

<https://www.rotary.org/>

The Rotary Foundation Minute...



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

[The usual author of the Rotary Foundation Minute seems to be on an extended vacation, so S.K.

did some research... with this result:]



Rotary Foundation is the lifeblood of Rotary International because it is the channel through which money flows to fund Rotary's projects and programs world-wide.

Here is the breakdown of how the Foundation spent its \$362 million budget for 2020-21 (Amounts are in millions of dollars):

PolioPlus	151.8
Global Grants	95.6
District Grants	33.6
District Response Grants	8.4
Other Grants	13.2
Rotary Peace Centers	4.5
Fund Development	19.2
General administration	14.6
Program Operations	20.6
Total	362.0

Rotary District 6000 governor...



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

R.I.S.E. Action Team Chairs Joyce Taylor and Sarah Simon share this.

"I believe Rotarians give whenever and whatever they can in service to help those in need."

- Dennis Drager, our district governor nominee

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