



# THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS...

**Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club  
Oct. 6, 2021**

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

**Oct. 13, 2021**

## **Walk aids Alzheimer's patients and families**

The Walk to End Alzheimer's returned this fall, after taking a year off because of the pandemic. **Megan Olson**, manager of the Alzheimer's Association in the QC, is our scheduled speaker on Oct. 13.

Funds raised through the event (which was Oct. 2) are used locally for care and support for those living with the disease and their families, caregivers or anyone looking to learn more about it.

Before the walk, Megan explained the event offers educational content on many disease topics, such as the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's, dementia-related behavior and communication strategies.

Local support groups, such as the one in the QC, puts caregivers together to exchange ideas, find solutions to common problems – and “it helps them feel like they're not alone in their journey,” Megan said in an interview.

For more information contact the Quad Cities office at 563-293-8056. Its location is 1225 E River Dr., Suite 130, Davenport, Iowa 52803.

**Oct. 6, 2021 (plus Sept. 29)**



## **Hit Bettendorf trails for health**

**Becky Lovich** from the Bettendorf Trails Committee led us on a roundup of the city's recreational trails, and some of the programs that explore them, during the Oct. 6 meeting.

The Bettendorf Trails Committee comprises residents, business leaders, educators and city employees to “promote a safe and healthy community by supporting active lifestyles,” Becky said.

It's no accident that Bettendorf has invested extensively in developing recreational trails, bike lanes and widened sidewalks along many streets to connect those recreational pathways. As a result, the city has been named a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, Becky said.

“Every year, the league ranks states on how ‘bikeable’ they are,” she explained.



Each year, family-friendly “Walk and Roll” events are scheduled “to showcase our trails and amenities,” Becky said. Those who participate and invited to bike, walk, run or skate – sometimes just for fun, or to visit a designated portion of the city’s rec trails.

Some events also raise funds for a good cause. For example, part of the proceeds from a fun run in June – an out-and-back event in which runners and walkers began and ended at Jetty Park and traveled along the trail atop the Mississippi River levee – went to Hand-in-Hand, whose programs empowers children and adults with varying abilities.

Another out-and-back event – which Becky said will be held again in 2022 – was the Frosty Four Fun Run that started and ended in Devils Glen Park. Nearly 50 runners and walkers braved the elements in late February. Proceeds were donated to the Bettendorf Food Bank.

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 [NOTE: There was no issue of *The BRC News* for Sept. 29 because the hard drive in the editor’s computer was near death. This issue contains salient information from that meeting.  
 [ALSO: Tanglewood Hills Pavilion will not be available to BRC on Oct. 20. Watch your email for an update.]  
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**Program of Sept. 29:**  
**‘Pollution tracker’**  
**going on now in QC**

Plastic pollution of the Earth’s waters is at a crisis level. At the Sept. 29 meeting we learned about an initiative that will gather data to be used to help clean up plastic pollution, from our own **Mayor Bob Gallagher**. Bob is co-chair of the MRCTI (Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative), which brings together mayors of cities on the river to address their common issues.

Bob said MRCTI has “partnered with the United Nations Environmental Programme, National Geographic Society, The University of Georgia and others to deploy a ‘pollution tracker’ application to log the types, location and amount of trash – especially plastic pollution – in the river.” The project – which launched Oct. 1 – enlists volunteers to walk along the river to collect the data.

Bob said, “In our area, the Boy Scouts, Rotary Clubs – Moline Rotary has already come aboard – Xtream Clean-Up and school kids will be helping record pollution.” Rotary International is also backing the work, he added.

Rivers contribute 80% of the pollution that ends up in the ocean, said **Kathy Morris** of the Scott County Waste Commission. And the Mississippi drains 40% of the United States. So data collected during the month-long pollution tracker initiative will provide vital information in the effort to clean up oceans.



There are three ways volunteers can collect data, Kathy said:  
 → Select a location from the map displayed at the initiative’s Website and record the data in a marked area  
 → Join a clean-up event, or  
 → Take a walk and collect data based on the litter you find.

Data collection runs the full month of October, but you can volunteer at any time. The media launch will be broadcast Oct. 15.

To read more about the project, go to: <https://www.unep.org/regions/north-america/regional-initiatives/mississippi-river-plastic-pollution-initiative>

To get the debris tracker, go to: <https://debristracker.org/>



## Presentation...

→ **Paul Harris Pin + 2:** At the Sept. 29 meeting, **Dave Falk** received the Paul Harris pin plus two sapphires – in recognition of his having contributed \$3,000 to the Paul Harris Fellowship. In presenting the pin, **S.K. Nanda** said he was especially happy to make this presentation, since Dave had brought him into BRC.

## Announcements...

→ **An Acre of Warmth:** This week, **Gwen Tombergs** and **Kevin Kellner** said we were “closing in on 300 blankets so keep ’em coming.” Flyers were at each table – and they urged members to post them at work

Media partners, which will begin making public-service announcements soon, are *Quad-City Times*, I-Heart radio stations and KWQC-TV.



Blankets from the campaign will be donated to Humility of Mary Housing,

Family Resources, Project Now and Unity Point Housing of Davenport, Kevin said. Twin-bed size blankets are most in need, but all sizes are welcome.

At the Sept. 29 meeting, **Gwen Tombergs** announced the drive to ask members of the community to donate blankets or contribute cash was set to launch last Friday. At that time some 140 blankets had been collected from BRC members with donations from both Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley high schools.

The goal is to receive a total of 800 blankets. Public donation boxes will be placed at K & K Hardware, Duck Creek Tire & Service, City Hall and the Bettendorf Public Library.



➔**Golf Outing:** In a not very elaborate ceremony at the Sept. 29 meeting – but still impressive in its way – the winning team of **Decker Ploehn, Dave Falk** and **Joe Campion** brandished the BRC Golf Outing champion team trophy. Co-chairs **Dean Kraus** and **Maria Osterberg** said the event had earned a net of \$1,500.

## **BRC Happy \$\$ Plus...**

**Rick Bormann** roamed the room with the microphone, and got these comments: **Dr. Tom Olson** – a remembrance of Tim Wilkinson and a moment of confusion

over Tom being with a patient on Alcoa Street... **Gwen Tombergs** said she could use a few volunteers again at 10 a.m. Saturday to help with landscaping at a Rejuvenate Davenport project – call her cell at 563-343-2058 to volunteer and for more information... **Decker Ploehn** – inviting members to participate in “Start the Talk: Strategies for Prevention,” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 12, at the Waterfront Convention Center: conversations between business and community leaders and troubled QC youth focusing on solutions to community concerns – registration is \$100 per ticket (to sponsor youths who are attending) – for information, Michael Cole, 563-505-0269; to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/>, scroll down and click on “Start the Talk”... **Tim Lane** – becoming empty-nest parents as his daughter moves to her new job... **Erica Schroeder-Cerda** – invitation to attend “Event for Owen,” 12-year-old Owen Dangelser, who’s fighting Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 (rain date Oct. 17), at the Tangled Wood Restaurant.

In Happy \$\$ at the Sept. 29 meeting, **President Larry Their** opened Happy \$\$ with the news that his son was one of 15 baseball players who represented Iowa at a multi-state tournament... **Ron Crist** invited all to attend, and invite others to, the Car Show with a Cause – to benefit Charly Erpelding in her second fight against bone cancer (her first was at age 8, 8 years ago) – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Duck Creek Tire, 4000 Middle Road... **Gwen Tombergs** asked for a few volunteers to help her plant landscaping for a Rejuvenate Davenport



project... **Terry Thompson** – daughter and her husband renewing their wedding vows after 20 years... **Harry Coin** – marking his birthday “with a check for the the age my mother thinks I am”... **Marie Osterberg** – going to a family weekend... **Dean Kraus** – fun weekend – accompanied his dad on an Honor Flight to D.C. and attended a round of the Ryder Cup... **Decker Ploehn** – named to the Iowa League of Cities Hall of Fame, and was surprised when he discovered his whole family was there.

### The meeting opened...



At the sound of the bell, **Past President Rick Bormann** called the meeting to order, introduced the day’s guest speaker, Becky Lovich from the Bettendorf Trails Committee, and led recitation of The Four-

Way Test and Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick announced that today is the final meeting for **Carl Loweth**, a member for 21 years; he and his wife are moving to Florida. “But we’ll be back for a visit in the summer,” Carl assured us.

**Dick Hanzelka** led the singing of the day’s patriotic song, “God Bless America.”

Rick led the Moment of Silence, when we especially remembered our troops – and we learned of the passing of Tim Wilkinson, retired from Arconic (Alcoa) and long-time community leader.

**Club Secretary Shelly Naumann** introduced visitors Natasha Jones, guest of **Scott Naumann**, and Rob Roman, guest of **Mike Simons**.



The Oct. 6 meeting is the first one of the month, so we got yummy treats – and we get to wish these members a Happy Birthday: **Dick Schillig**, 3; **Tom Howard**, 6; **Pat Thornton**, 15; **Tom Olson**, 16; **Lee Marbach**, 19; **Carrie Lamb**, 31.

To live up to our reputation as a singing Rotary, **Tom Howard** led the singing of “Rotary, My Rotary” and “Hey, Look Me Over, Lend Me an Ear” – accompanied by Tewanta Lopez.

Last week, Tom led us in singing “Sunny Side of the Street” and “Rotary, My Rotary” – but it sounded much better with Tewanta’s accompaniment.

At the Sept. 29 meeting, **President Larry Thein** wielded the gavel, called the meeting to order and led the recitation of The Four-Way Test. **Tom Howard** led the singing of “America the Beautiful.” **Kevin Koellner** led the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry led the Moment of Silence. **Ken Vandersnick** returned after illness.

Visitors were Dan Harvey, the guest of **Ron Crist**, and Abby O’Connor, the guest of **Dean Kraus**.

## At the end...



... of the meeting today, **Decker Ploehn** 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."

Last week, **Larry Thein** won the drawing for a free make-up – and used it this week...

## Upcoming meetings & more...

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

**Oct. 13:** Megan Olson, manager of the Alzheimer's Association in the QC **Dec. 1:** District Gov. Alka Khanolkar and her husband Kiran plan to visit BRC



## 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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**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/7823748708?pwd=Q1dKblVLSFhLZUJZVnA3YzVnLzRKZz09>

**Meeting ID: 782 374 8708**

**Passcode: 236034**





## 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; excerpted and edited from District 6000 Gov. Alka Khanolkar's latest column]

### Oct. 24 is World Polio Day

[The District 6000] Polio Eradication Action Team met and has a goal of \$25,000 for the Ride to End Polio that will take place in November. District-wide goal is \$90,000 for this Rotary year.

Let's donate to PolioPlus as every dollar you donate is matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Let's continue to double our efforts as we are once again very close to eradicating this disease from our planet. Rotary members have contributed over \$2.1 billion and many volunteer hours to save the lives of over 3 billion children from 122 countries that have been affected by this paralyzing disease" Let's END POLIO NOW!

In September, two clubs organized and secured a Rotary Foundation Global

Grant to improve sanitation for a rural community in Kenya. This Global Grant is a partnership between the Rotary Club of South Haven, Mich., and the Rotary Club of Milimani, Nairobi, Kenya. Together with Rotarians of District 6360, Michigan, they have raised \$74,731 for the construction of a 600,000 liter (approx. 160,000 gallons) concrete water storage cistern for the Ngoswani Maternal and Child Hospital. Before the construction of the hospital, the nearest health care was a three-hour drive (two day walk) from Ngoswani. The cistern system will be able to take advantage of the solar power already being provided to the nearby hospital. It will have two filtering systems to provide safe drinking water. The grant also supports the construction of latrines outside the hospital, hand washing and drinking water stations.

The population served by the hospital numbers 300,000 Masai. Until recently, 95% of the births in the community were delivered by untrained members of the community in the traditional mud/dung homes of the Masai. The death rate of babies and children up to five years of age has been as high as 30%.

## Rotary District 6000 governor...



[Excerpts from District 6000 Gov. Alka Khanolkar's latest monthly column:]

**October:  
Economic and  
Community  
Economic  
Development**

**Month**

**October dates to remember:**

- International day of the Girl: Oct. 11 (empowering girls)
  - ORS: Oct. 20, 5:30-8 p.m. VIRTUAL platform (Please check the Podcast on District 6000 homepage and register to participate)
  - WORLD Polio Day: Oct.24, 2021
  - R.L.I., Mt. Pleasant Oct. 30
- Please check Rotary District 6000 home page and Facebook page for details

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Club visits in person for Rotary District 6000 have been truly a wonderful experience. Each club is different and very welcoming! I would like to take a moment to thank all the AGs, presidents, secretaries and all the members of each of the clubs with whom I have already visited. Both Kiran and I have enjoyed coming to the clubs and also participating in some of the events and activities. Keep up the great work!...

**September was Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy month**

Literacy Action Team Co-Chairs Carolyn Vest Jons and Carol Narak put forth an application for a literacy grant that will benefit all our clubs in Rotary District 6000 if we receive it!... Many clubs are promoting literacy, distributing books and dictionaries to schools, children, libraries and hospitals. Keep up the great work....

**Membership update:**

I am so pleased to see that many new members have joined our district and the future of growing Rotary in our District 6000 looks to be promising. There are new satellite clubs that are in the making and that is very welcoming news too. A huge thank you to Dave Cook, PDG

Steve Dakin and **Scott Naumann** who have made club visits and done presentations....

**One Rotary Summit** will take place on Oct. 20 between 5:30-8 p.m. through the virtual platform. Please kindly register: <https://shawnpci.com/2021/10/03/all-around-rotary-podcast-episode-1-20212022/>. It's open to all Rotarians. Please check out the ORS All Around Rotary podcast at this link.... Thank you to Rotarian Shawn Mullen and the P.I. Action Team for preparing the first 2021 Podcast....

**October:**

First, congratulations to a very dynamic and dedicated leader, DGE Steve Wieneke on his retirement.... I know that he is going to dive right into his role as incoming DG and will do his very best to make our District proud and grow....

**Focus on the Environment** during the month of October: We are dedicating this whole month to a district-wide initiative to the environment. I know many clubs are planting trees, doing highway cleanups, raking leaves, reducing the use of plastics, pollinators, biodiversity initiatives, local and global projects. You can do this individually, as a group, partnering with a club and even as a family....

**RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute Training** Oct. 30 at Mt. Pleasant: Learn more and register here:

<https://rotary6000.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute-r-l-i---d6000-2/>

**Global Grants:** Human Milk Bank project from 7 Hills Dharward India where more than 44 women Rotarians from different professions are part of this club seeking at least \$10,000 dollars in



global partnership. They already have \$54,000. Let's see if four to five clubs can come up to match that amount to make a difference for preemie babies, babies in need, who can receive the milk from the human milk bank global project. The International partner will be happy to speak to clubs. The contact information is available on the District 6000 website under Dr. Pallavi Despande's email.

The Rotary Club of Ames noon is doing a number of global projects and one specifically to be run by women in Tanzania. This is a wonderful project to help "Empowering Women," which is one of the initiatives for this Rotary year. Any support to the global project, which is close to being finished, will help make a difference. Please let us know how we can help pass on more information on global projects. There are many requests for partnering with other Districts.

District 6000 is in full support with RI's DEI policy (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>) This was unanimously voted by our Board of Directors in our last meeting.

DGs 2021 coming together and creating awareness for the **Prevention of Human Trafficking** for the month of January (Prevention of Human Trafficking Month). A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Nevada for presenting a donation to be used for the Prevention of Human Trafficking initiative; this is another of my initiatives during this Rotary year.

**District Conference** April 22-23, 2022. Early registration and booking hotel rooms at the Hyatt Hotel at Coralville is open now. Please check with Carolyn at the District Office. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

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